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## THE HEDGEHOG

### PREVIOUSLY...

#### DEPTHS OF DANGER!

The Shattered World Crisis is upon us! The planet's crust has broken apart and now floats in chunks via a strange and terrible force. It's up to Sonic and the Freedom Fighters to find the seven Chaos Emeralds and Gaia Temples – they are the keys to fixing the world!



The search has brought Sonic, Amy and Rotor to an undersea realm where they meet an oceanic society for the first time! They were welcomed by the priestess Coral, who said a spirit foretold their arrival.

But it doesn't appear everyone there is as welcoming. Trouble has arrived and Sonic may already be **all washed up...**



### WHO'S WHO



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
FASTEST THING ALIVE



**AMY ROSE**  
PIKO HAMMER WIELDER & ROTOR  
**THE WALRUS**  
WARRIOR MECHANIC



**CORAL THE BETTA**  
HIDDEN SHRINE PRIESTESS



**PEARLY THE RAY**  
PRIESTESS-IN-TRAINING & RAZOR THE SHARK  
TEMPLE DEFENDER



EUSEBES TEMPLE,  
SOUTH OCEAN...

HEY  
THERE, FELLAS. DO  
WE HAVE A **PROBLEM**  
HERE?

RAZOR  
TEMPLE  
DEFENDER

ROTOR  
BURLY  
BUILDER

PEARLY  
PRIESTESS-IN-  
TRAINING

AMY  
HAMMERER

CRUSHER  
THINKS HE'S  
BIG STUFF

SONIC  
FASTEST THING  
ALIVE (...ON  
LAND)

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THAT DEPENDS. IT WOULD  
**SEEM** THE PRIESTESS HAS  
ALLOWED OUTSIDERS ONTO  
HOLY GROUND **WITHOUT**  
ROYAL PERMISSION.

CPT. STRIKER  
THE MANTIS  
SHRIMP  
BEWARE THE  
CLAW!

CITY GUARD  
MEROPIS'S  
FINEST





LIKE THAT EVER MATTERED IN THE PAST! CORAL HAS BETTER AUTHORITY TO DECIDE WHO VISITS THE TEMPLE THAN THE KING OR QUEEN ANYWAY!

EVER QUICK TO DEFEND HER HONOR, *EH?* OR ARE YOU COVERING FOR YOUR FAILURE TO SECURE THIS PLACE?



WHAT?! I DIDN'T FAIL--!

LET IT GO, MAN. HE'S JUST TRYING TO GET YOU IN TROUBLE.

THIS IS WHY DEFENSE SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE PROFESSIONALS, NOT BOYS PLAYING AT BEING HEROES.



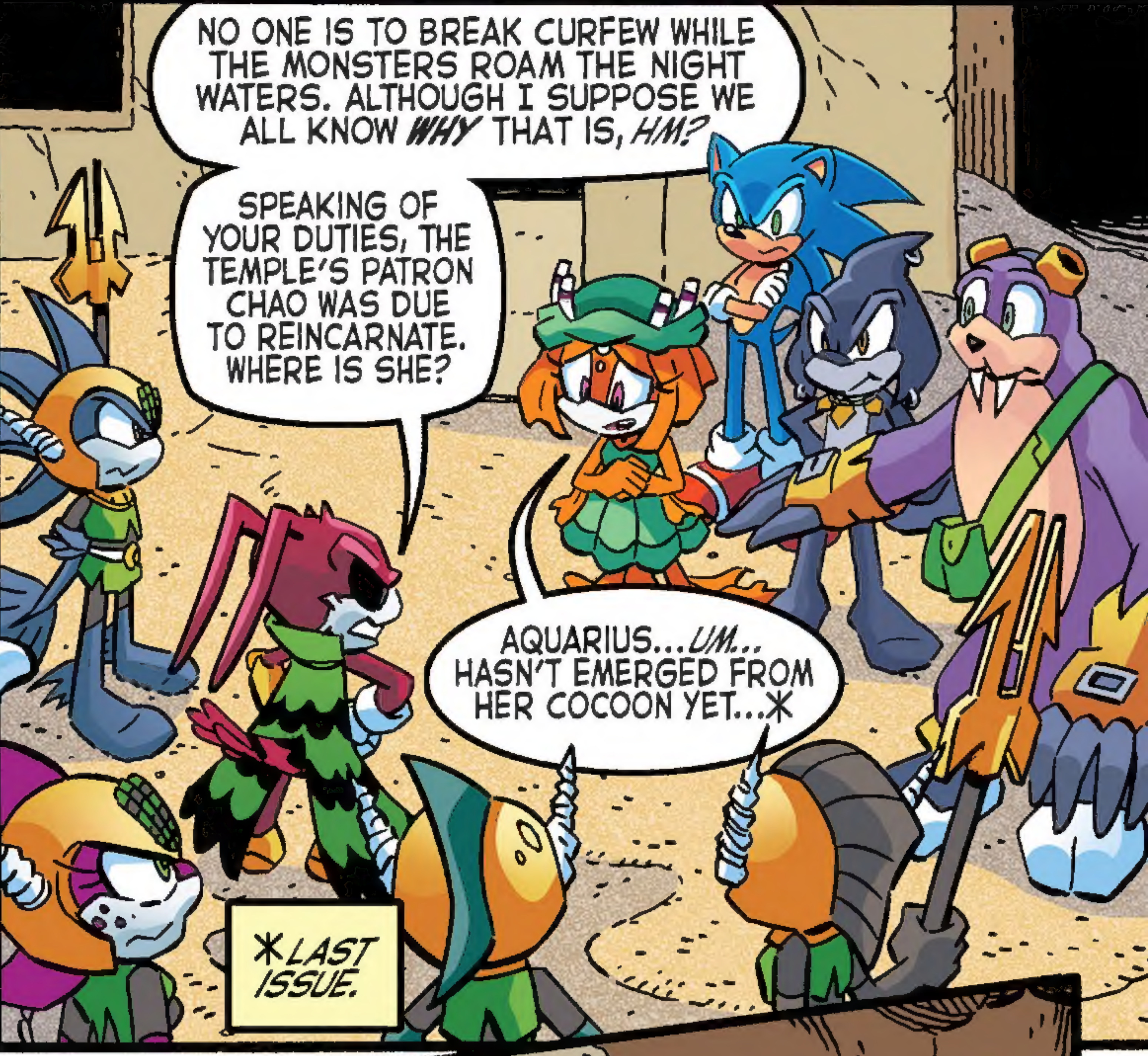
G-GOOD MORNING, CAPTAIN.

IS MR. PERSONALITY A REGULAR AROUND HERE?

CORAL TEMPLE PRIESTESS

THE MAGIC RINGS HERE POWER THE CITY, SO THEY VISIT EVERY MORNING.

I'M SORRY, CAPTAIN. I--IT WAS TOO LATE LAST NIGHT...



NO ONE IS TO BREAK CURFEW WHILE THE MONSTERS ROAM THE NIGHT WATERS. ALTHOUGH I SUPPOSE WE ALL KNOW *WHY* THAT IS, *HM?*

SPEAKING OF YOUR DUTIES, THE TEMPLE'S PATRON CHAO WAS DUE TO REINCARNATE. WHERE IS SHE?

AQUARIUS... *UM...* HASN'T EMERGED FROM HER COCOON YET...\*

\*LAST ISSUE.



THE EVOLUTION CEREMONY TAKES *MINUTES*. YOU'RE TELLING ME...?

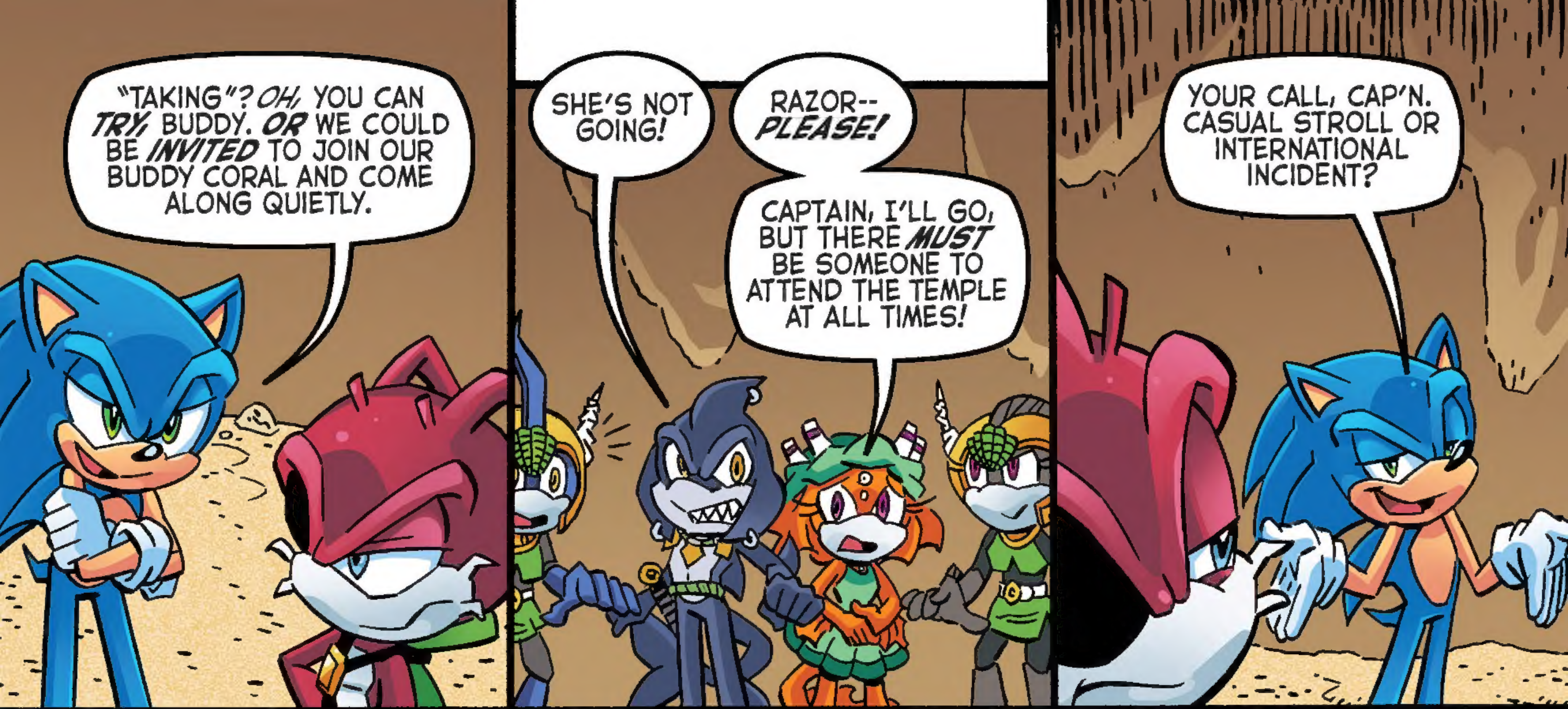
S-SHE'S ANCIENT. MAYBE IT'S... JUST TAKING LONGER THIS TIME...?



SPARE ME YOUR EXCUSES. THAT CHAO IS CENTRAL TO OUR WAY OF LIFE!

CITY GUARD! WE'RE BRINGING THIS CHARLATAN AND THE TRESPASSERS BEFORE THE KING AND QUEEN!





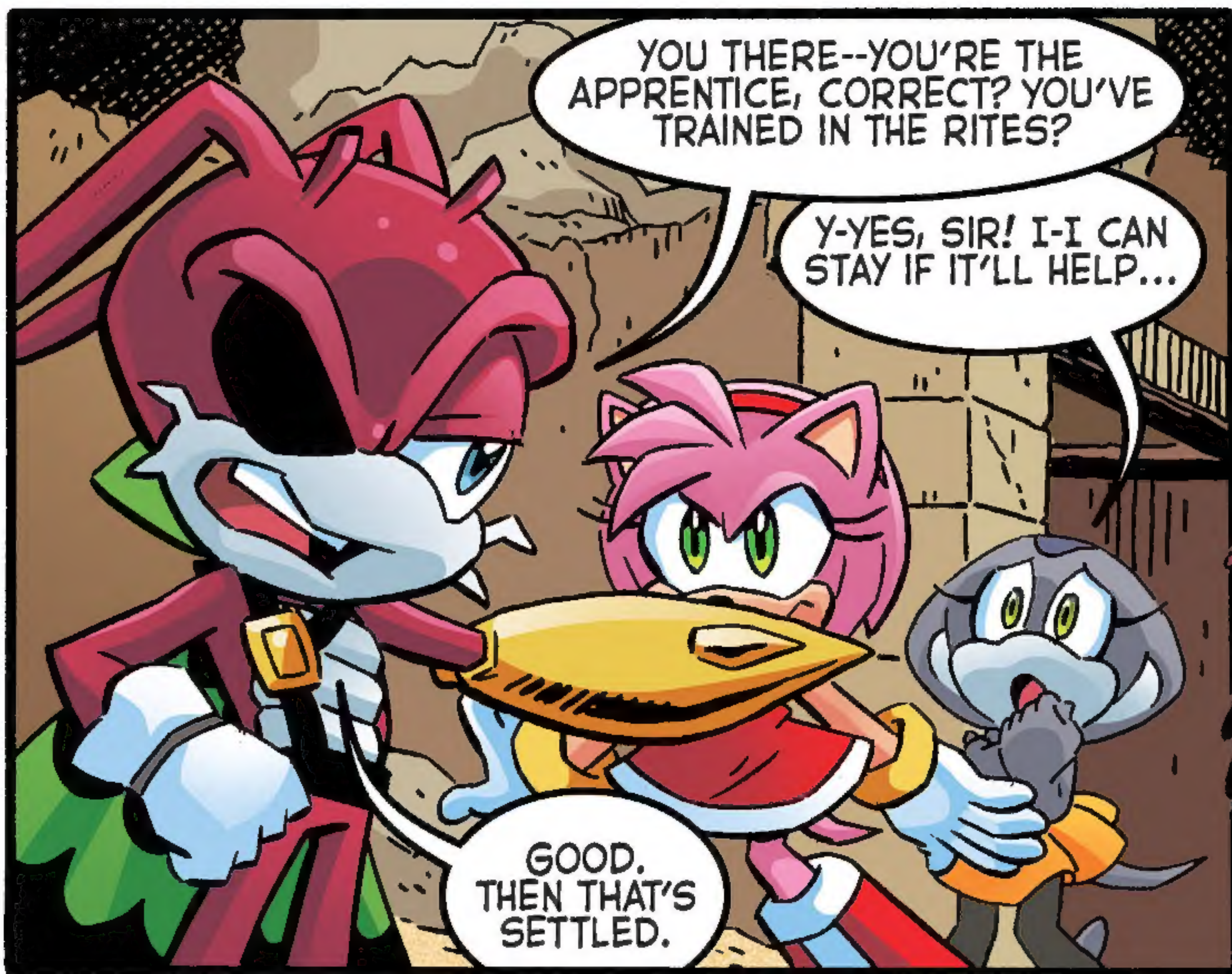
"TAKING"? OH, YOU CAN *TRY*, BUDDY. OR WE COULD BE *INVITED* TO JOIN OUR BUDDY CORAL AND COME ALONG QUIETLY.

SHE'S NOT GOING!

RAZOR-- PLEASE!

CAPTAIN, I'LL GO, BUT THERE *MUST* BE SOMEONE TO ATTEND THE TEMPLE AT ALL TIMES!

YOUR CALL, CAP'N. CASUAL STROLL OR INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT?



YOU THERE--YOU'RE THE APPRENTICE, CORRECT? YOU'VE TRAINED IN THE RITES?

Y-YES, SIR! I-I CAN STAY IF IT'LL HELP...

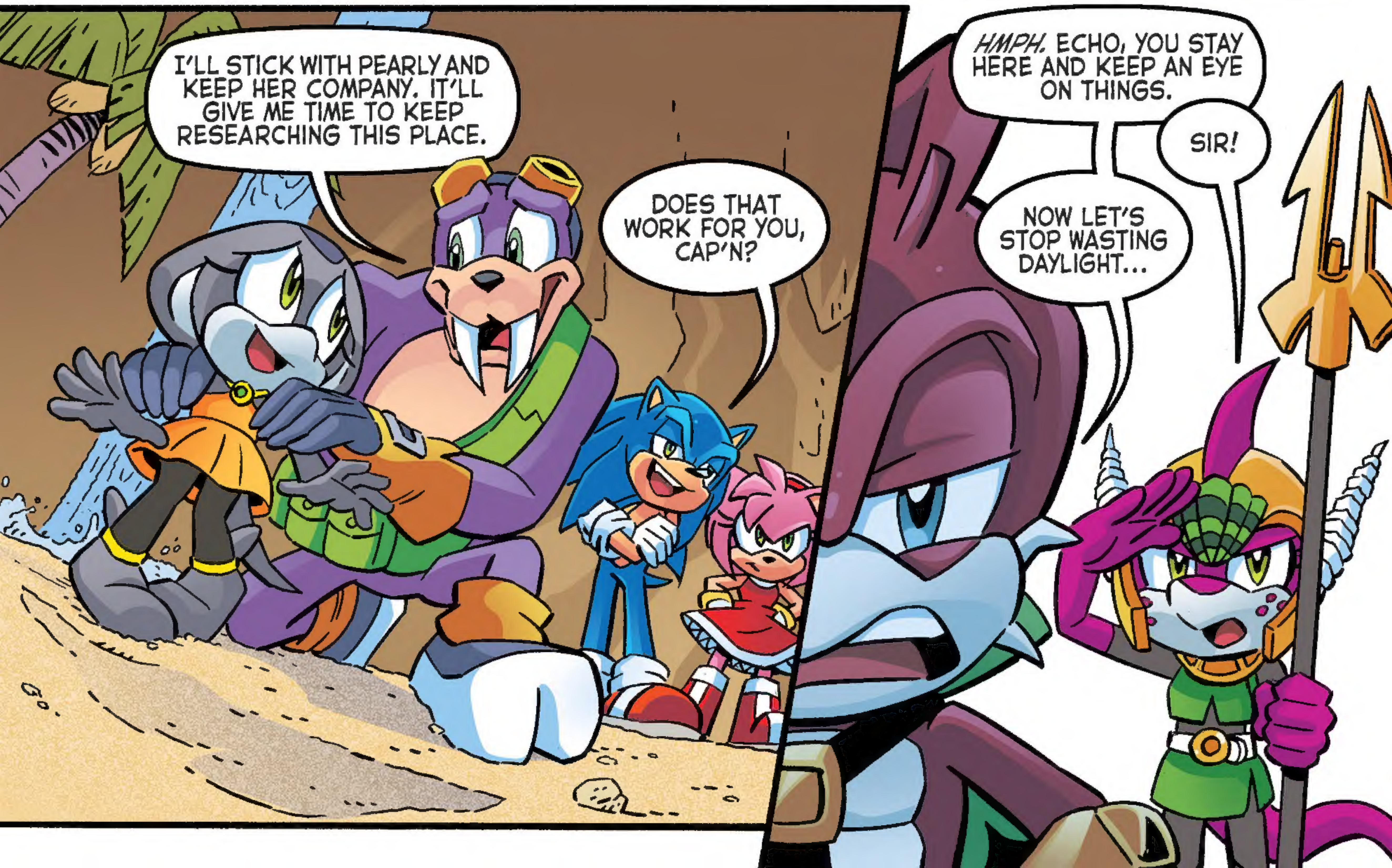
GOOD. THEN THAT'S SETTLED.



YOU THREE WILL BE *ESCORTED* TO THE CITY. YOU CAN STATE YOUR BUSINESS BEFORE THEIR GRACES AND BEG FORGIVENESS FOR BREAKING PROTOCOL.

HEH, SURE.

WE CAN WORK WITH THAT.



I'LL STICK WITH PEARLY AND KEEP HER COMPANY. IT'LL GIVE ME TIME TO KEEP RESEARCHING THIS PLACE.

DOES THAT WORK FOR YOU, CAP'N?

HMPH. ECHO, YOU STAY HERE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS.

SIR!

NOW LET'S STOP WASTING DAYLIGHT...



"...AND HEAD FOR THE CITY."

MEROPIS--  
UNDERWATER  
CITY...

I WISH WE WERE  
HERE UNDER  
DIFFERENT CIRCUM-  
STANCES--THIS  
PLACE IS *AMAZING!*

AND JUST THINK--  
THIS IS ONLY *ONE*  
CITY IN THE WHOLE,  
WIDE OCEAN!

I WONDER IF THE OTHER  
UNDERWATER CITIES ARE  
THIS GORGEOUS?

AIR CHARM  
LETS YOU  
BREATHE  
UNDERWATER!

DUNNO.  
PROBABLY  
JUST AS  
WET.  
Y'KNOW...  
BEING  
UNDER ALL  
THIS  
WATER.

"IS IT JUST ME, OR  
DOES IT SEEM LIKE  
EVERYONE WE PASS  
LOOKS KIND OF..."

"CRANKY? DISAPPROV-  
ING? LESS-THAN-  
PLEASANT?  
I GUESS WE STAND  
OUT A BIT, BUT  
C'MON..."

IT'S NOT YOU. EVER  
SINCE THE EARTH-  
QUAKES,\* THE WATERS  
HAVE GOTTEN MURKIER  
AND THE CITIZENS...  
NASTIER.

I WONDER...WELL,  
FIRST, WE'LL TALK TO  
THE ROYAL WHOEVERS  
AND GET THIS ALL  
STRAIGHTENED OUT!

\*STH  
#256.





UNACCEPTABLE!



ROYAL AUDIENCE CHAMBER...

KING PUFF  
ROYAL PUFFERFISH

QUEEN ANGELICA  
REGAL ANGLERFISH

IT'S UNTHINKABLE!  
INSUFFERABLE! YOU  
CAN'T JUST LET ANY-  
ONE STAMP AROUND  
THE TEMPLE GROUNDS!  
WE WEREN'T EVEN CON-  
SULTED! I'M SO MAD  
I COULD--!

WELL...HE SEEMS  
REASONABLE...



POOMP!

Y-YOUR GRACES,  
I-I-I-IF I MAY  
EXPLAIN...



EXPLAIN? WHAT IS THERE  
TO EXPLAIN? DUE TO YOUR  
FAILURES, MEROPIS HAS  
ENDURED DARKENING  
WATERS AND EARTHQUAKES--  
AND MONSTERS KEEP US  
TRAPPED WITHIN OUR HOMES  
ALL NIGHT! AND NOW--!



CAN I STOP YOU  
RIGHT THERE,  
QUEENIE?

HI THERE--SONIC THE  
HEDGEHOG, GREATEST  
HERO OF THE WORLD AND  
DR. EGGMAN'S NUMBER  
ONE PAIN IN THE BUTT.  
HOW'S IT GOIN'?

SO...WHAT'S THIS  
ABOUT CORAL NOT  
DOING HER JOB?  
'CAUSE TO ME, SHE  
SEEMS PRETTY  
DEVOUT.



AH...SO YOU ARE THE FAMOUS SONIC? GUARDS, STAND DOWN.

KNOW THIS--IN ADDITION TO ALLOWING UNAUTHORIZED FOREIGNERS INTO OUR MOST SACRED GROUNDS, BECAUSE OF CORAL'S FAILINGS...

THINGS STARTED GOING BAD A FEW MONTHS AGO. THE WATER GOT *REALLY* POLLUTED. THE CITY SHIELD BARELY KEPT IT OUT.

WHICH WE COULD MANAGE. BUT THEN THE SHIELD, SUSTAINED BY THE MAGIC OF HER RITES, BEGAN TO WEAKEN, EXPOSING US TO THE NOXIOUS WATERS...

...AND THEN THERE WERE EARTHQUAKES. THAT'S WHEN THE NIGHT-MONSTERS STARTED COMING OUT OF THE *RIFT*. I THINK THE CITY GUARD IS SCARED OF THEM 'CAUSE...

...WE HAVE ENOUGH CONCERNS, WHAT WITH AHKLUT AND HIS EGG ARMY MENACING THE GREAT BLUE REALM!

AND NOW AQUARIUS HASN'T BEEN REBORN. SHE'S BEEN REINCARNATED HERE FOR GENERATIONS--EVER SINCE SHE TAUGHT THE FIRST SETTLERS HOW TO DO THE RITES!

IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO TAKE THIS LONG. I'M WORRIED THAT THEY'LL BLAME CORAL FOR THIS, TOO...

I-I KNOW THE FATES HAVE NOT BEEN KIND TO US, AND I HAVE BEEN ...STRAINED... LATELY....

BUT MY COMMITMENT TO MY DUTIES, MY CITY, AND MY PEOPLE HASN'T WAVERED. I SWEAR IT!



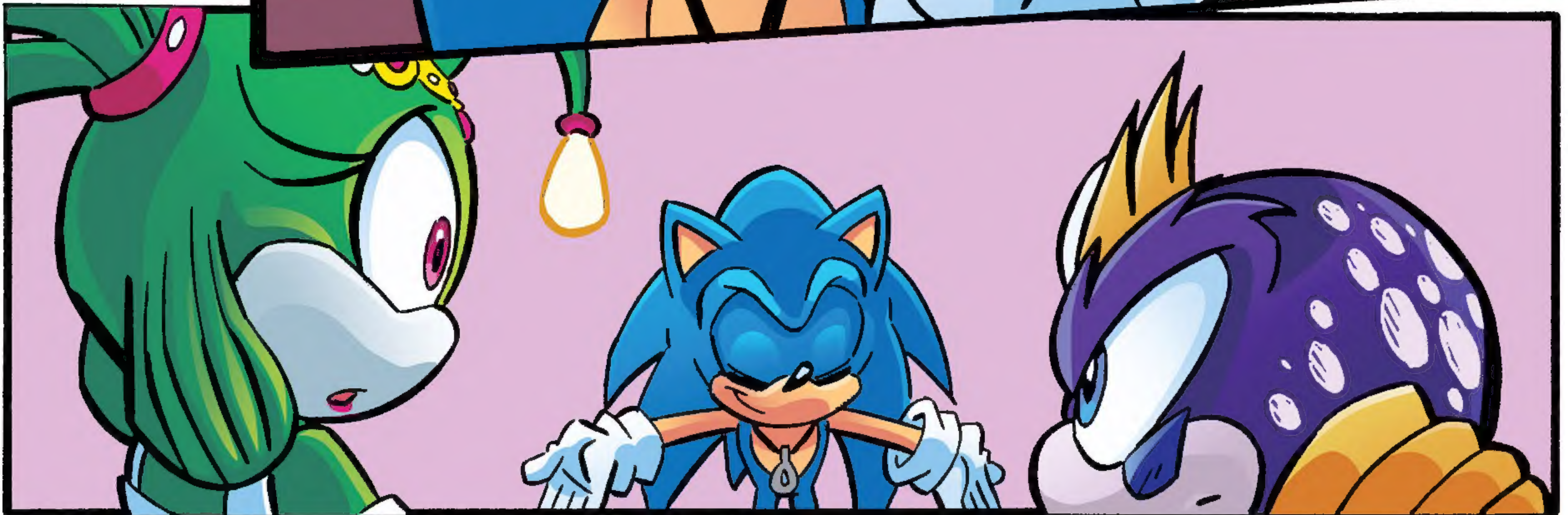
OKAY, BACK UP A STEP. NO ONE'S SAYING THIS BAD STUFF DIDN'T HAPPEN, BUT I CAN EXPLAIN. IT'S *NOT* CORAL'S FAULT.

*DOCTOR EGGMAN* IS TO BLAME. SEE, HE TRIED TO USE THE CHAOS EMERALDS TO CHANGE REALITY.

I STOPPED HIM, BUT BEFORE I COULD FIX THINGS, HE MADE IT ALL WORSE.\*

ALL THE ENERGY WOUND UP SHATTERING THE PLANET AND LETTING LOOSE SOME KIND OF DARK POWER FROM ITS CORE. *THAT'S* WHERE ALL YOUR EARTHQUAKES AND MONSTERS ARE COMING FROM. IT'S *NOT* JUST HERE. \*\* *THAT'S* WHY WE'RE HERE--WE'RE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO FIX THINGS!

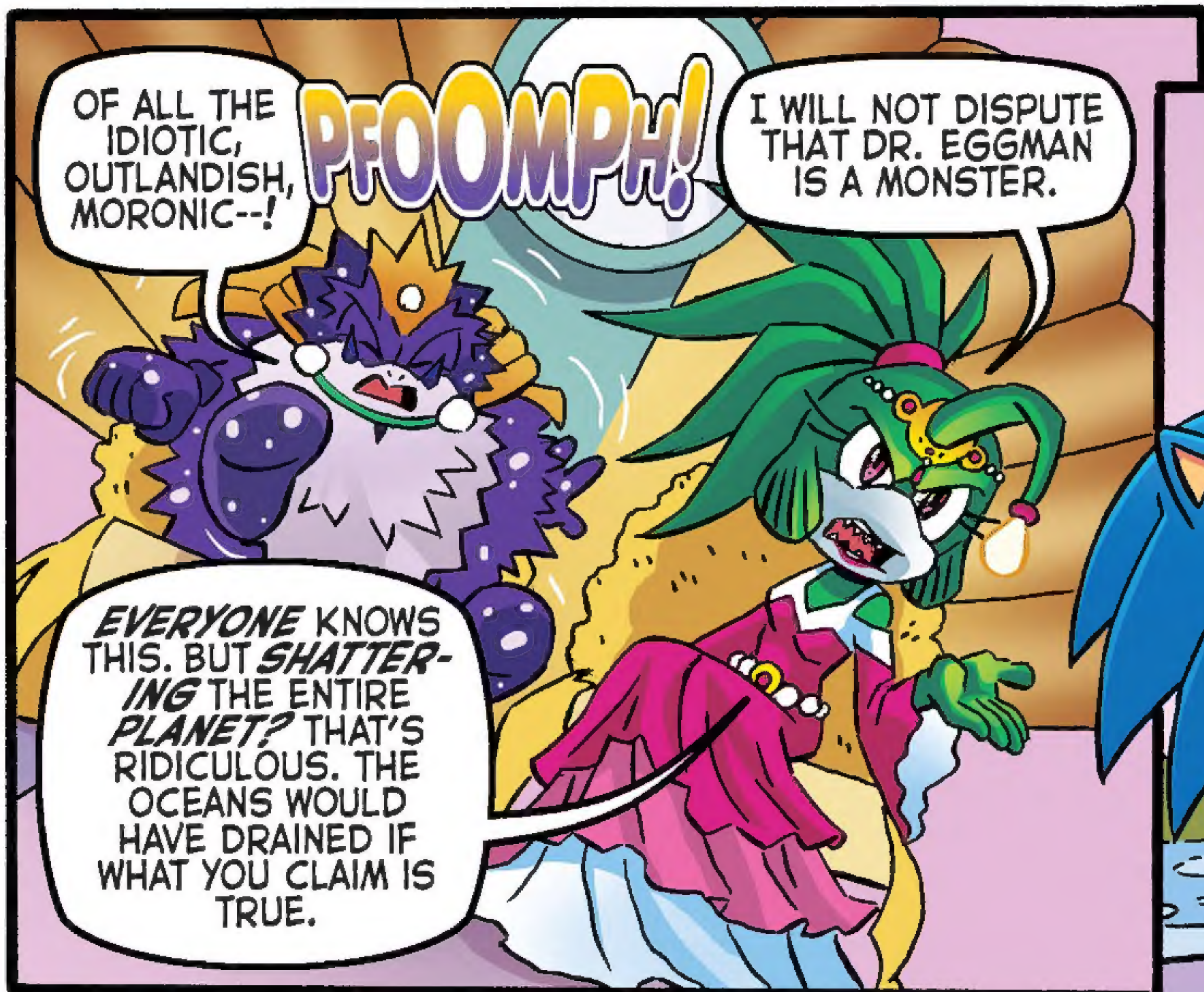
\* *STH#251.*  
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*THAT'S THE STUPIDEST THING I'VE EVER HEARD!*







OF ALL THE IDIOTIC, OUTLANDISH, MORONIC--!

**PFOOMP!**

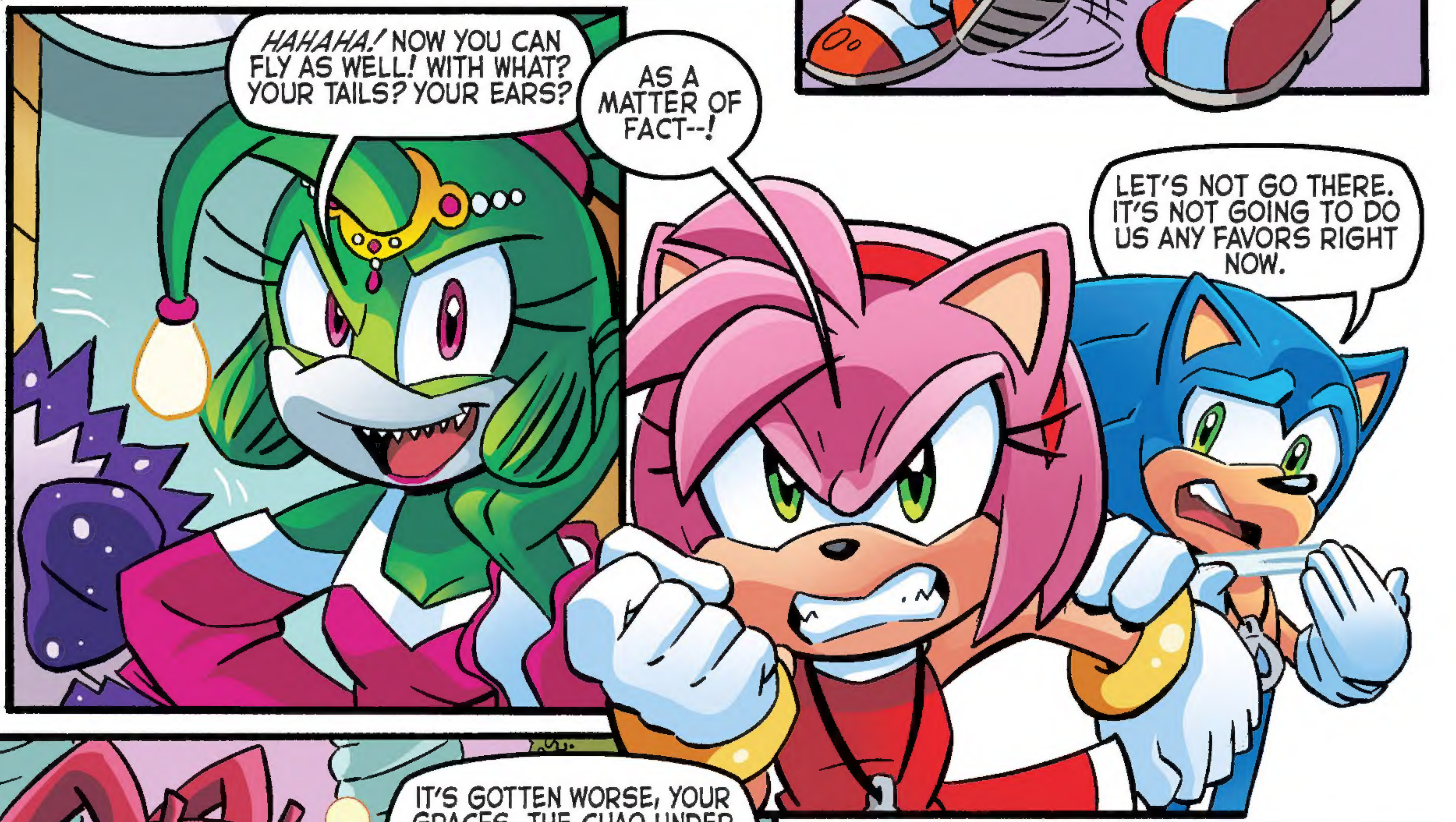
I WILL NOT DISPUTE THAT DR. EGGMAN IS A MONSTER.

EVERYONE KNOWS THIS. BUT *SHATTERING* THE ENTIRE PLANET? THAT'S RIDICULOUS. THE OCEANS WOULD HAVE DRAINED IF WHAT YOU CLAIM IS TRUE.



I DON'T HAVE *ALL* THE ANSWERS, LADY...

BUT WE *SAW* IT, YOUR GRACE! WHEN WE WERE FLYING ABOVE IT ALL--



HAHAHA! NOW YOU CAN FLY AS WELL! WITH WHAT? YOUR TAILS? YOUR EARS?

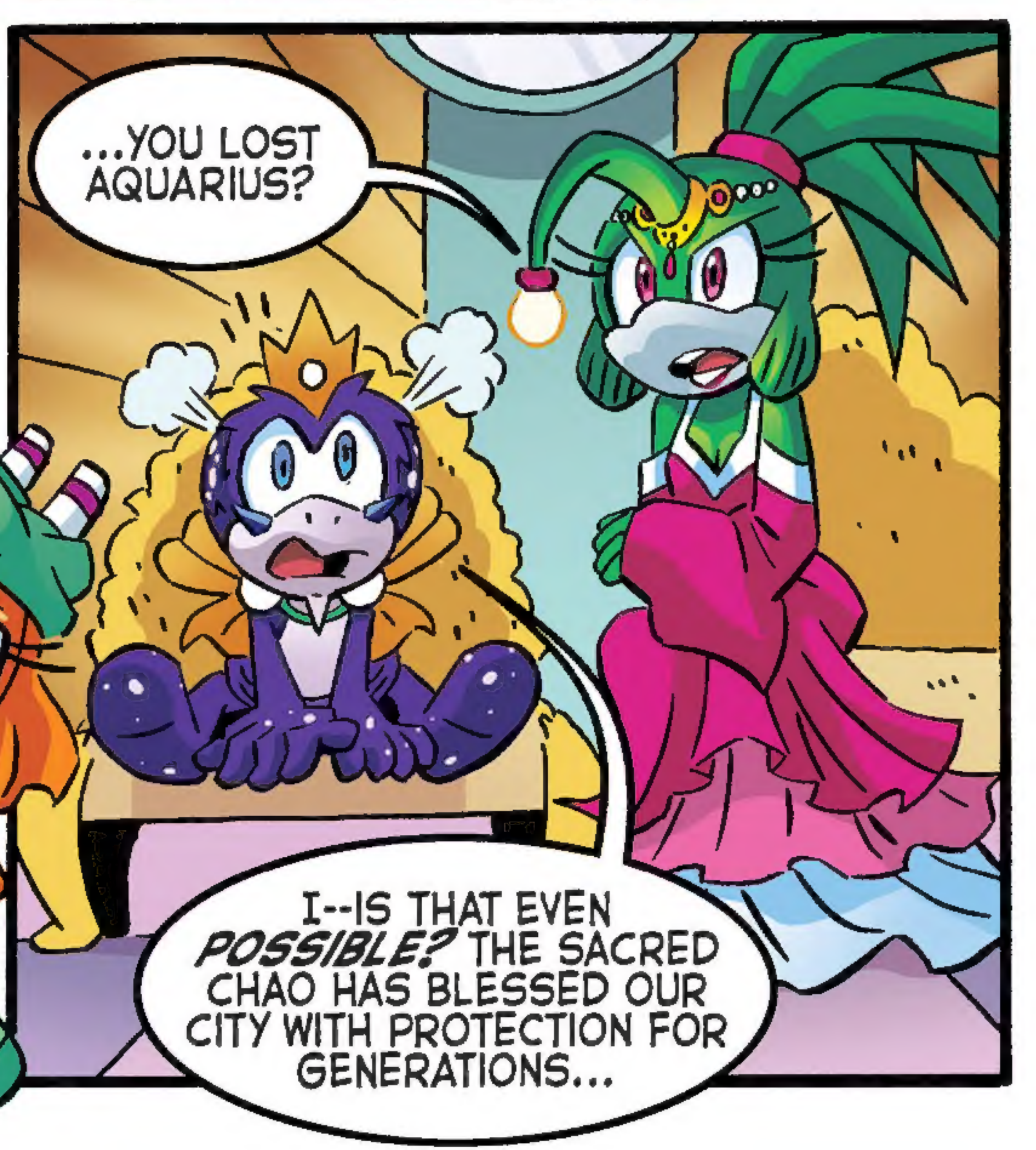
AS A MATTER OF FACT--!

LET'S NOT GO THERE. IT'S NOT GOING TO DO US ANY FAVORS RIGHT NOW.



IT'S GOTTEN WORSE, YOUR GRACES. THE CHAO UNDER THIS FRAUD'S CARE, THE BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR VERY WAY OF LIFE, HAS NOT BEEN REBORN.

I... IT'S... IT'S JUST TAKING AN UNUSUALLY LONG TIME...



...YOU LOST AQUARIUS?

I--IS THAT EVEN *POSSIBLE*? THE SACRED CHAO HAS BLESSED OUR CITY WITH PROTECTION FOR GENERATIONS...



YOUR GRACES--*PLEASE*, LISTEN!  
THE SPIRIT CAME TO ME AND *TOLD*  
ME THESE LAND-WALKERS WOULD  
COME AND HELP US!

YOU MUST GIVE ME MORE TIME  
TO SET THINGS RIGHT! TO ENSURE  
THINGS DO NOT GET WORSE!

**ENOUGH!**

YOU HAVE DONE  
ENOUGH WITHOUT  
BRINGING THE  
WRATH OF THE  
SPIRITS WITH YOUR  
DESPERATE LIES!

PRIESTESS CORAL--FOR YOUR  
FAILURES TO PERFORM YOUR  
DUTIES AND THUS ENDANGER-  
ING MEROPIS, YOU ARE HEREBY  
*STRIPPED* OF YOUR TITLE  
AND PRIVILEGES!

GATHER WHATEVER BELONGINGS  
YOU HAVE. THIS WILL BE YOUR  
LAST NIGHT TAKING UP SPACE IN  
THE EUSEBES TEMPLE.

BUT  
YOU *NEED*  
HER!

WE *NEED* A *COMPETENT*  
PRIESTESS. A REPLACEMENT  
PRIESTESS MUST BE FOUND  
IMMEDIATELY--IF THERE ARE  
ANY FORMER CANDIDATES  
LEFT WHO AREN'T SHAMED  
BY THE TITLE.

IF ONLY OUR  
DARLING  
PRINCESS  
WASN'T ABROAD.  
*SHE* STUDIED  
THE RITES...  
AND YET *YOU*  
WERE CHOSEN  
INSTEAD...

AS FOR OUR...VISITORS.  
NIGHT WILL BE UPON US  
BEFORE YOU CAN REACH  
SHORE. YOU MAY STAY THE  
NIGHT IN THE TEMPLE.

IF YOU HAVEN'T  
FOUND WHAT YOU SEEK  
BY MORNING, THAT'S  
SIMPLY YOUR PROBLEM,  
NOT OURS.

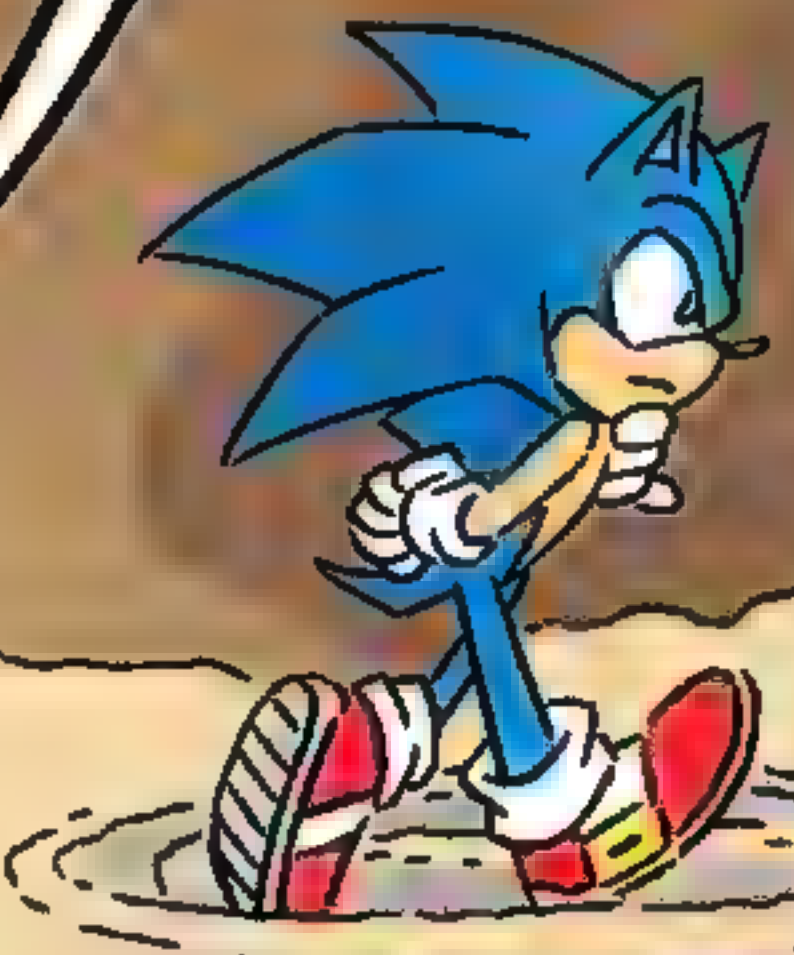
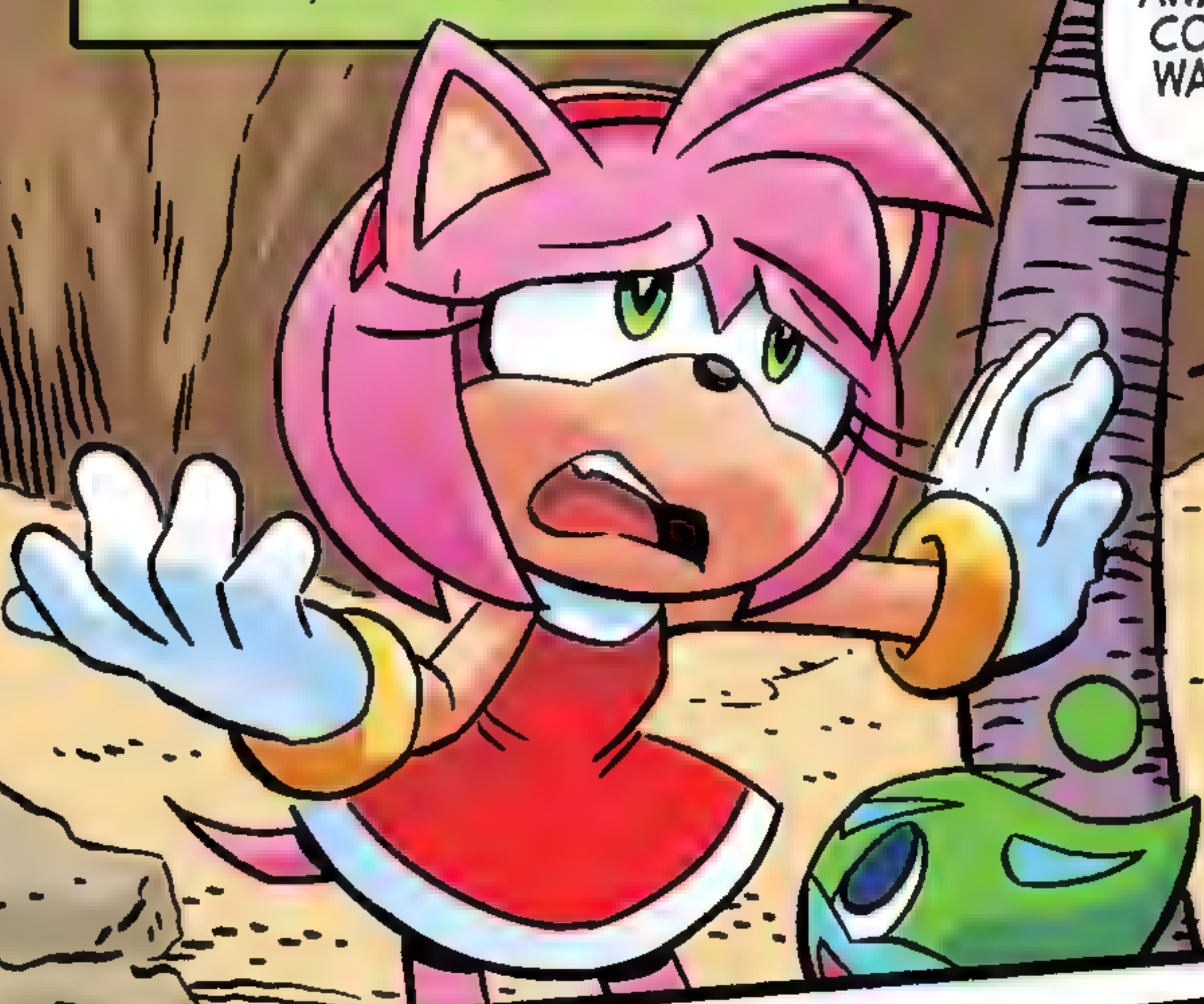
THANKS.  
YOU'RE *SO*  
GRACIOUS.



SOON--AT THE EUSEBES TEMPLE  
GROUND & CHAO GARDEN...

--AND THEN THEY TOOK  
AWAY HER TITLE! POOR  
CORAL COULD BARELY  
WALK! I MEAN--SWIM!  
WHATEVER!

YIKES, I GUESS  
THAT'S IT FOR OUR  
RESEARCH HERE,  
THEN.

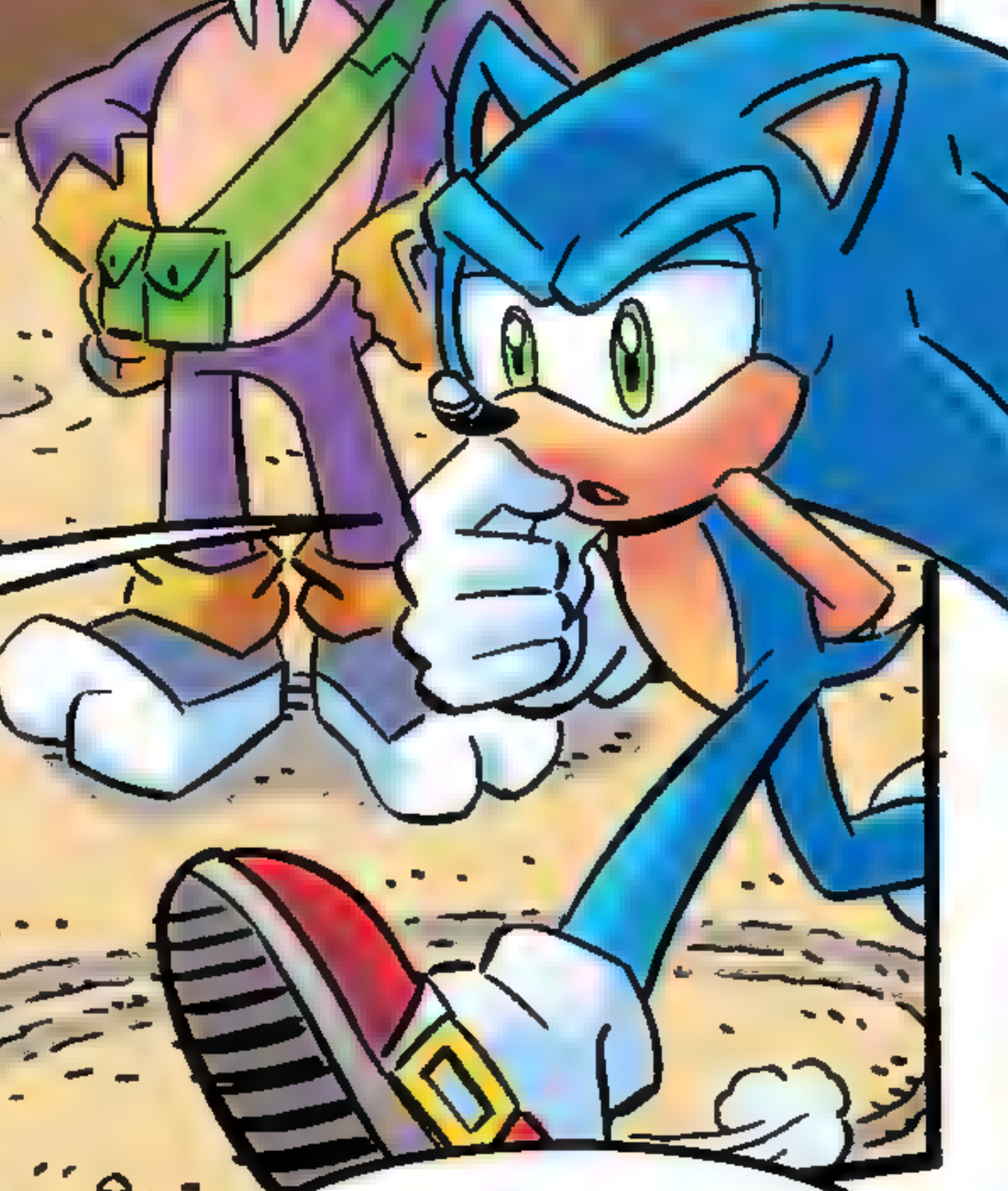
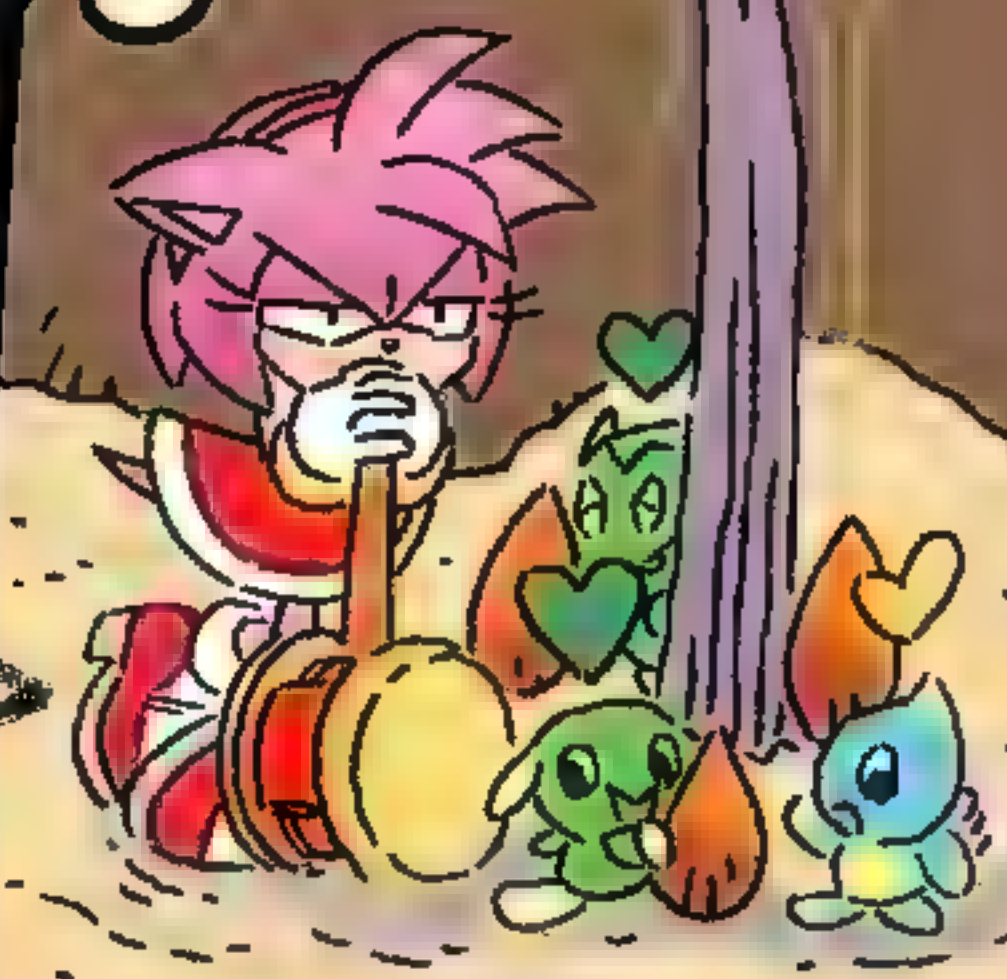


IT'S SO UNFAIR!  
I JUST WANNA--

RRGH!

PIKO!

IT TICKS ME OFF,  
TOO, AND WHILE I LOVE  
A GOOD SCUFFLE, WE  
CAN'T TAKE ON THE  
ENTIRE CITY.



RIGHT. SO WE'VE  
GOT TO THINK OF  
SOMETHING. FIND  
A WAY TO CON-  
VINCE THEM--

NO, FIRST WE HAVE TO KEEP  
WORKING ON HOW TO SAVE  
THE *WHOLE WORLD*.

UH, SORRY? I  
COULDN'T HEAR YOU  
OVER YOUR TOTAL  
LACK OF SYMPATHY.

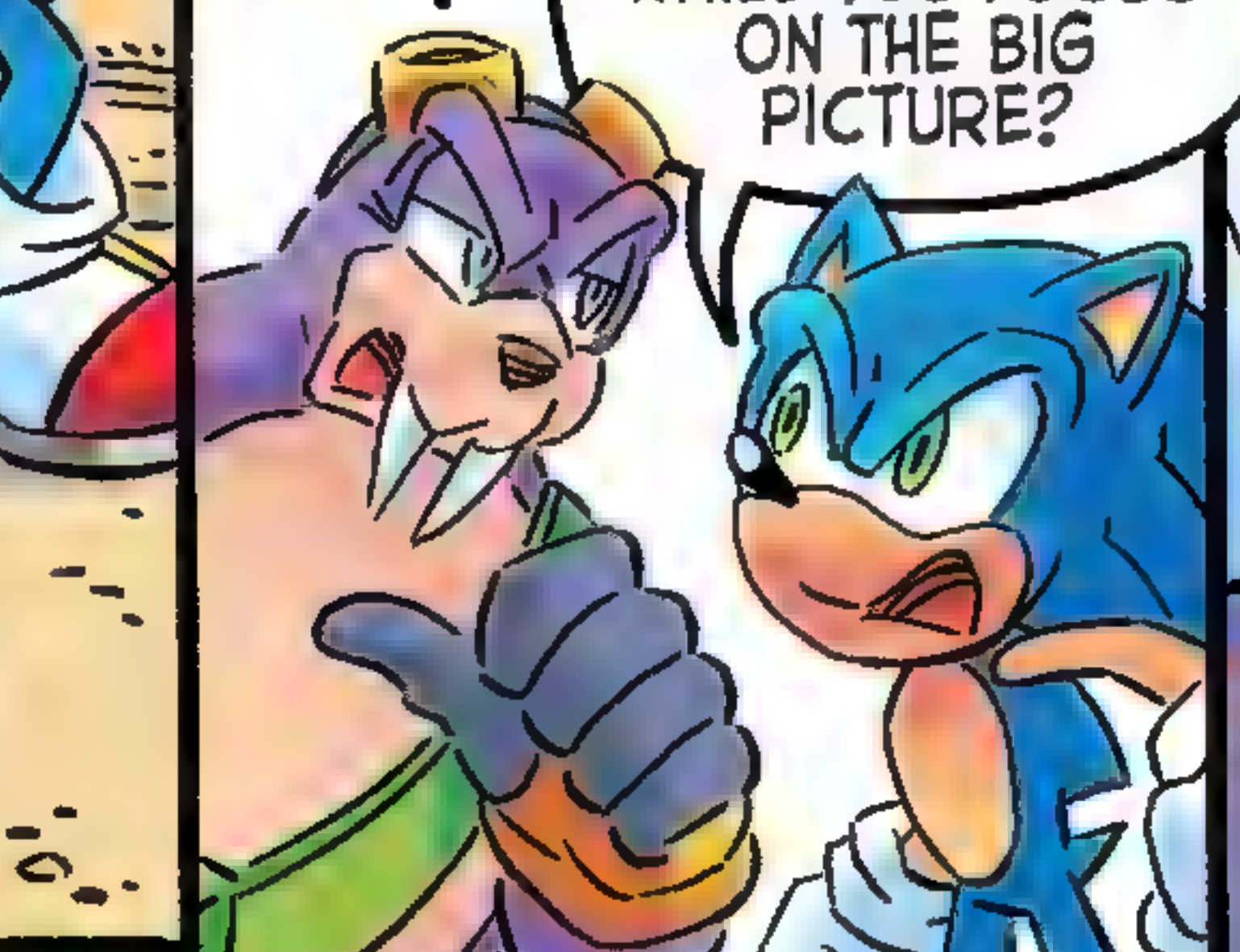
DON'T GIVE ME THAT!  
ARGUING WITH SOME  
ROYAL JERKS DOESN'T  
HELP CORAL, LET ALONE  
EVERYONE ELSE! IT  
STINKS, BUT SAVING  
THE WORLD NEEDS TO  
COME FIRST.

WHOA! CALM DOWN!

=SNORT=  
SORRY.

YEAH,  
YOU  
ARE.

IF WE'RE NOT OUT  
TO HELP *EVERY-  
ONE*, THEN WHO  
ARE WE FIXING THE  
WORLD FOR, ROTE?!  
SHOULD WE JUST  
SKIP OVER THE  
PEOPLE IN TROUBLE  
WHILE YOU FOCUS  
ON THE BIG  
PICTURE?



SONIC!

...FINE,  
ME, TOO.

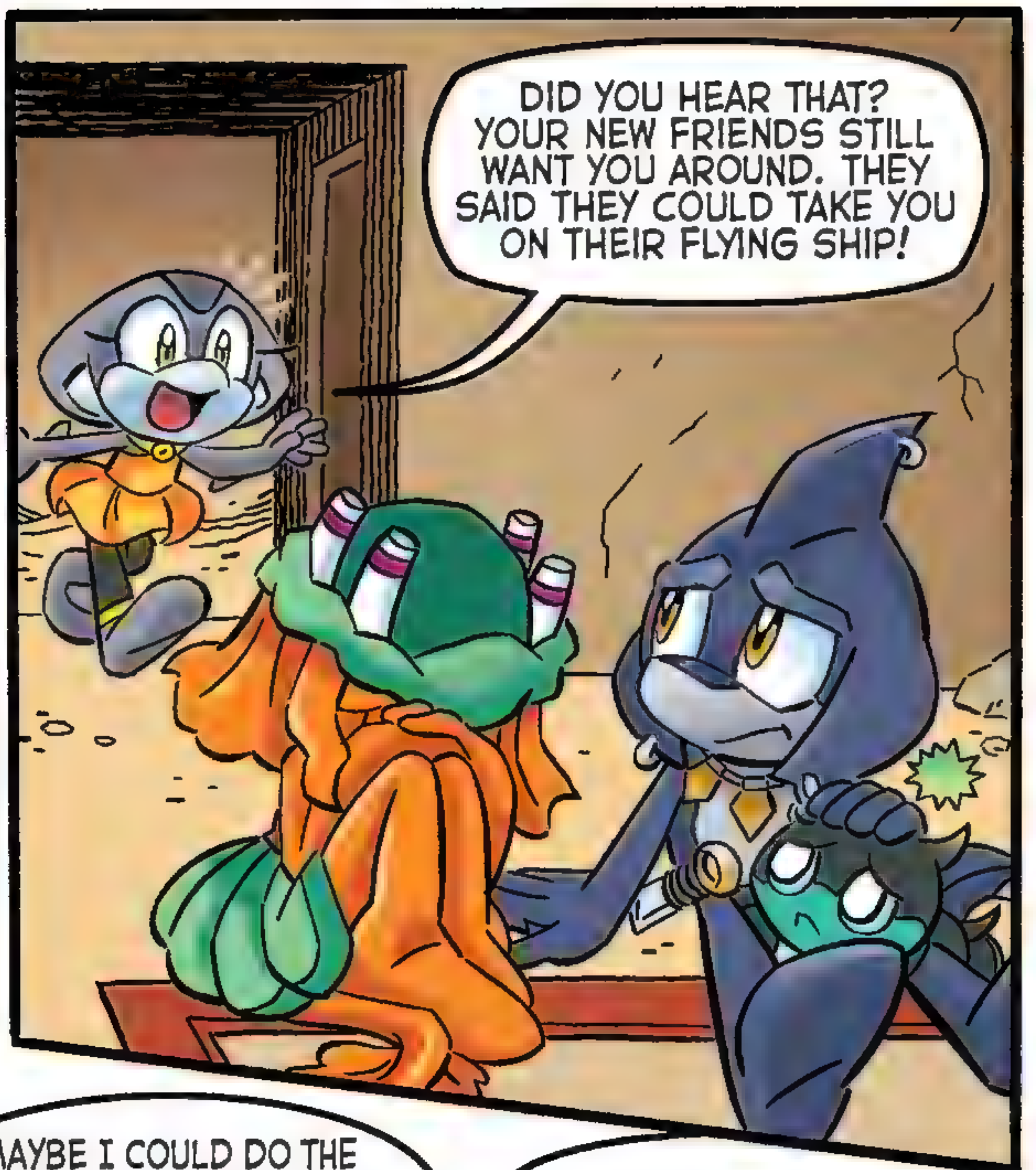




IF WE CAN'T HELP CORAL NOW, MAYBE SHE CAN JOIN US ON THE SKY PATROL? IT'D GIVE HER SOME SPACE, AND THEN WE COULD HELP HER SORT THINGS OUT LATER.

MAYBE. WE'VE GOT THE ROOM.

YEAH. BUT DO WE HAVE THE WATER?



DID YOU HEAR THAT? YOUR NEW FRIENDS STILL WANT YOU AROUND. THEY SAID THEY COULD TAKE YOU ON THEIR FLYING SHIP!



WE'RE NOT CONSIDERING EXILE, SQUIRT.

*≡SNIFF≡* NO, IT'S A VERY GENEROUS OFFER. I DON'T... REALLY HAVE ANYWHERE ELSE TO LIVE NOW. BUT THAT STILL LEAVES THE TEMPLE UNATTENDED.

MAYBE I COULD DO THE RITES! I'VE BEEN LEARNING LOTS FROM YOU.

WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE GROUNDS TO BAR *YOU* FROM THE TEMPLE, TOO, AFTER THEY FIND MY REPLACEMENT. I'M SORRY, PEARLY. I'VE MADE A MESS OF EVERYTHING.



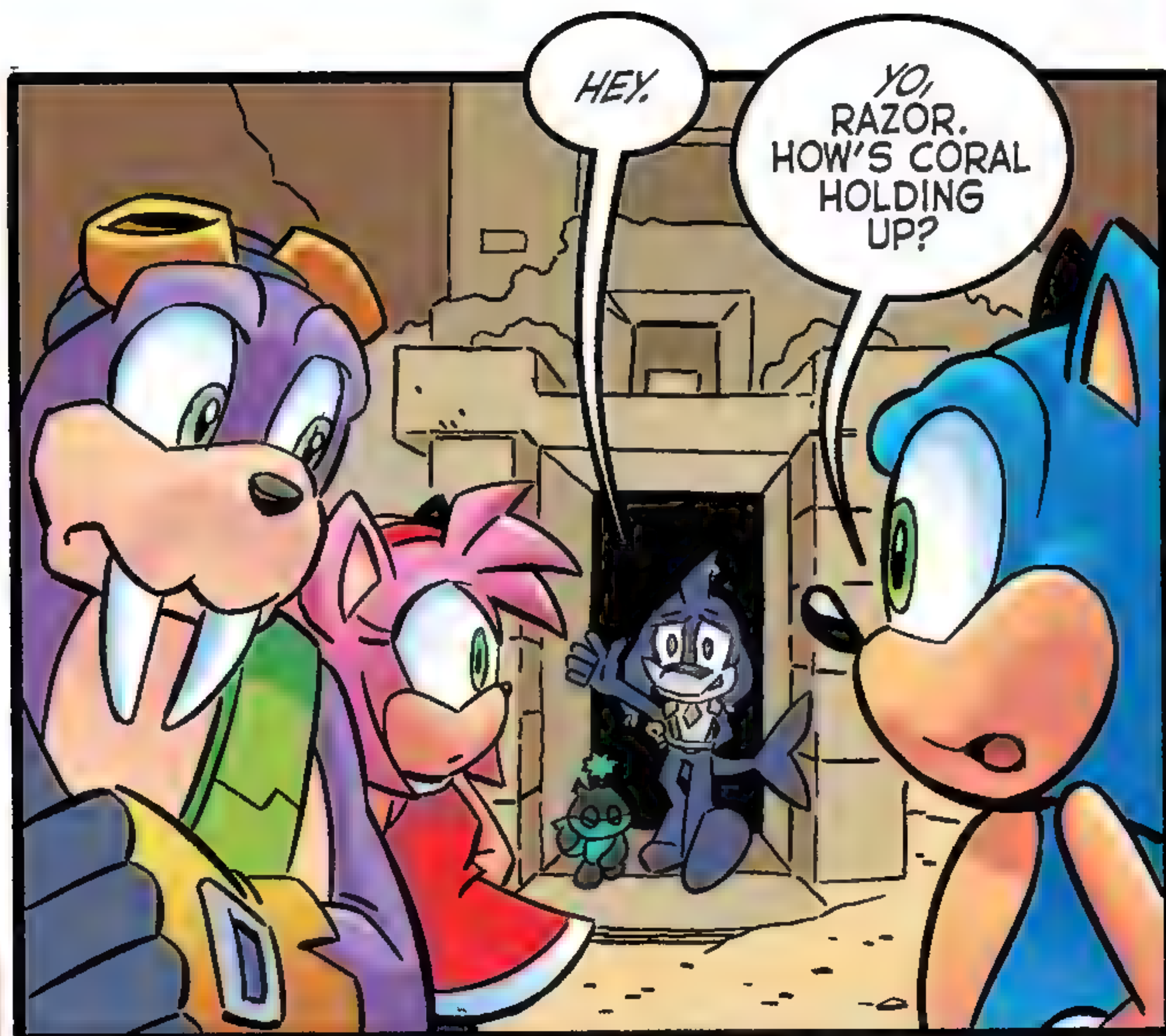
CORAL... I KNOW IT'S TOUGH, BUT YOU STILL NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THE SHIELD ONE LAST TIME... I MEAN...

I... I KNOW.

ANOSTOS RIFT-- ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MEROPIS...







HEY.

YO, RAZOR. HOW'S CORAL HOLDING UP?



SHE'S *REALLY* SHAKEN--AND BECAUSE WE WASTED ALL DAY GETTING YELLED AT IN THE CITY, SHE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO DO THE RITES.

WELL. IT'S REAL CLASSY OF HER TO DO IT ANYWAY.

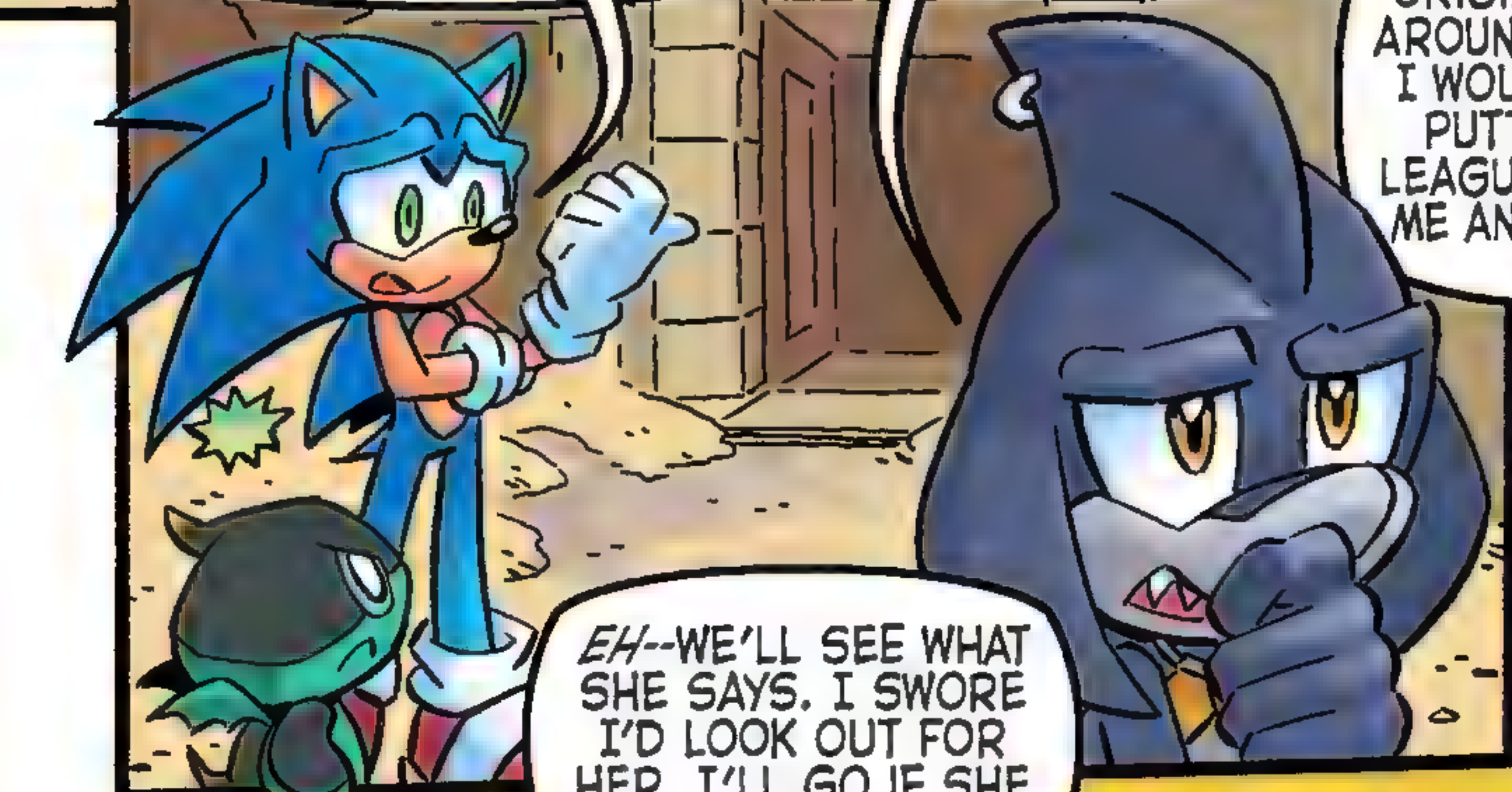


I'LL STAY WITH HER. SEE IF I CAN HELP.

COOL.

LISTEN--I KNOW WE'VE ALL JUST MET, BUT YOU'RE ALL WELCOME TO COME TO THE SKY PATROL WITH US. Y'KNOW--GIVE THINGS TIME TO COOL DOWN.

REALLY? ME AND PEARLY, TOO?



SURE! THAT IS, IF YOU'D WANT TO. CORAL SEEMS PRETTY TIED TO THIS PLACE.

SHE IS, ALTHOUGH THE TIME AWAY COULD DO HER SOME GOOD.

I'M NOT ORIGINALLY FROM AROUND HERE, AND I WOULDN'T MIND PUTTING SOME LEAGUES BETWEEN ME AND MEROPIS.



EH--WE'LL SEE WHAT SHE SAYS. I SWORE I'D LOOK OUT FOR HER. I'LL GO IF SHE GOES.



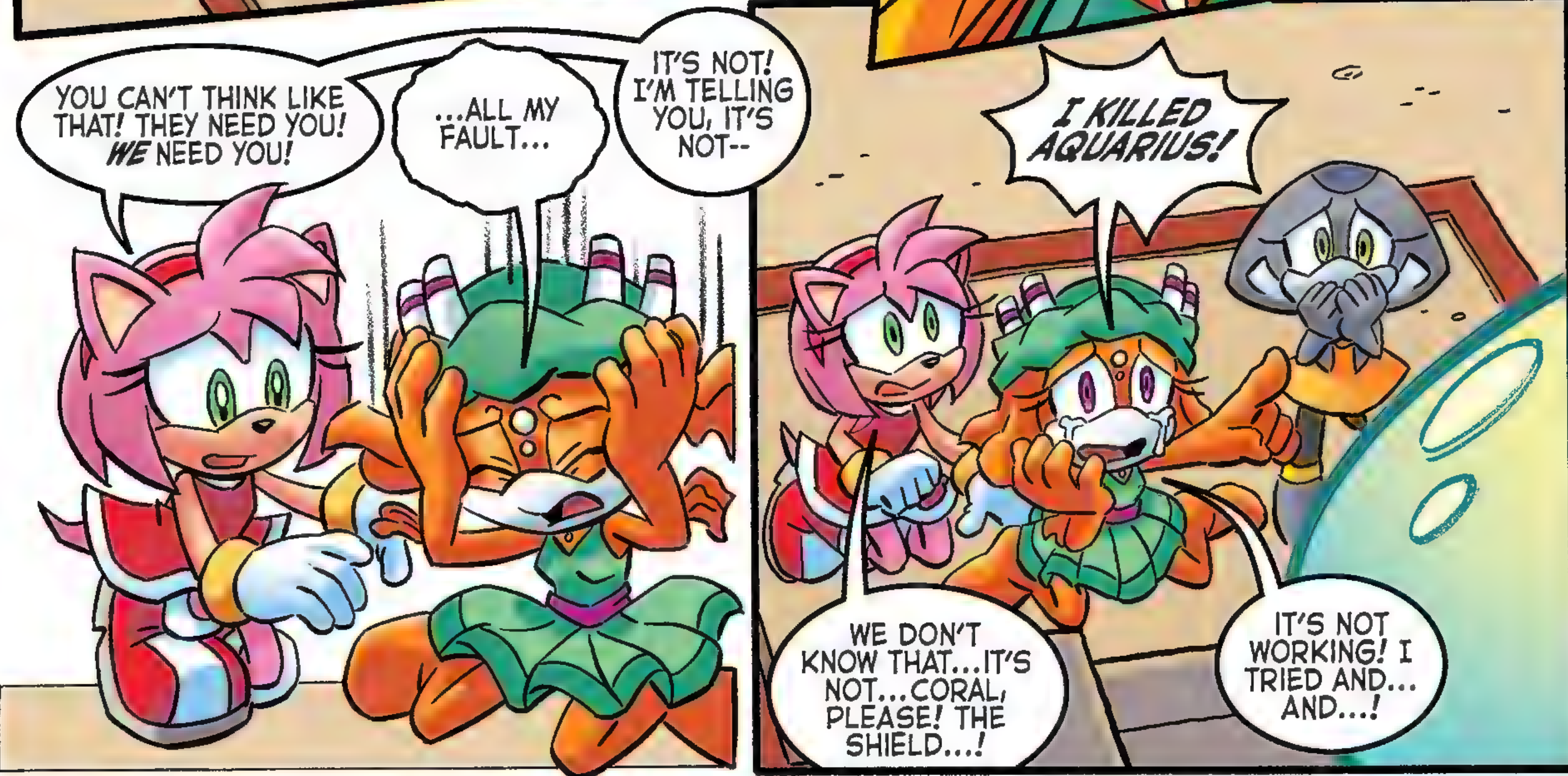




CORAL? SWEETIE? HOW ARE THOSE RITES COMING?

I-I'M TRYING, BUT... BUT...

...IT'S NOT WORKING! I CAN'T ...I CAN'T...! WHY DOES EVERYTHING KEEP GOING WRONG?! E-EVERYONE'S RIGHT ABOUT ME...IT'S ALL MY FAULT! I-HIT HAS TO BE! THE POLLUTION, THE MONSTERS...!



YOU CAN'T THINK LIKE THAT! THEY NEED YOU! *WE* NEED YOU!

...ALL MY FAULT...

IT'S NOT! I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S NOT--

*I KILLED AQUARIUS!*

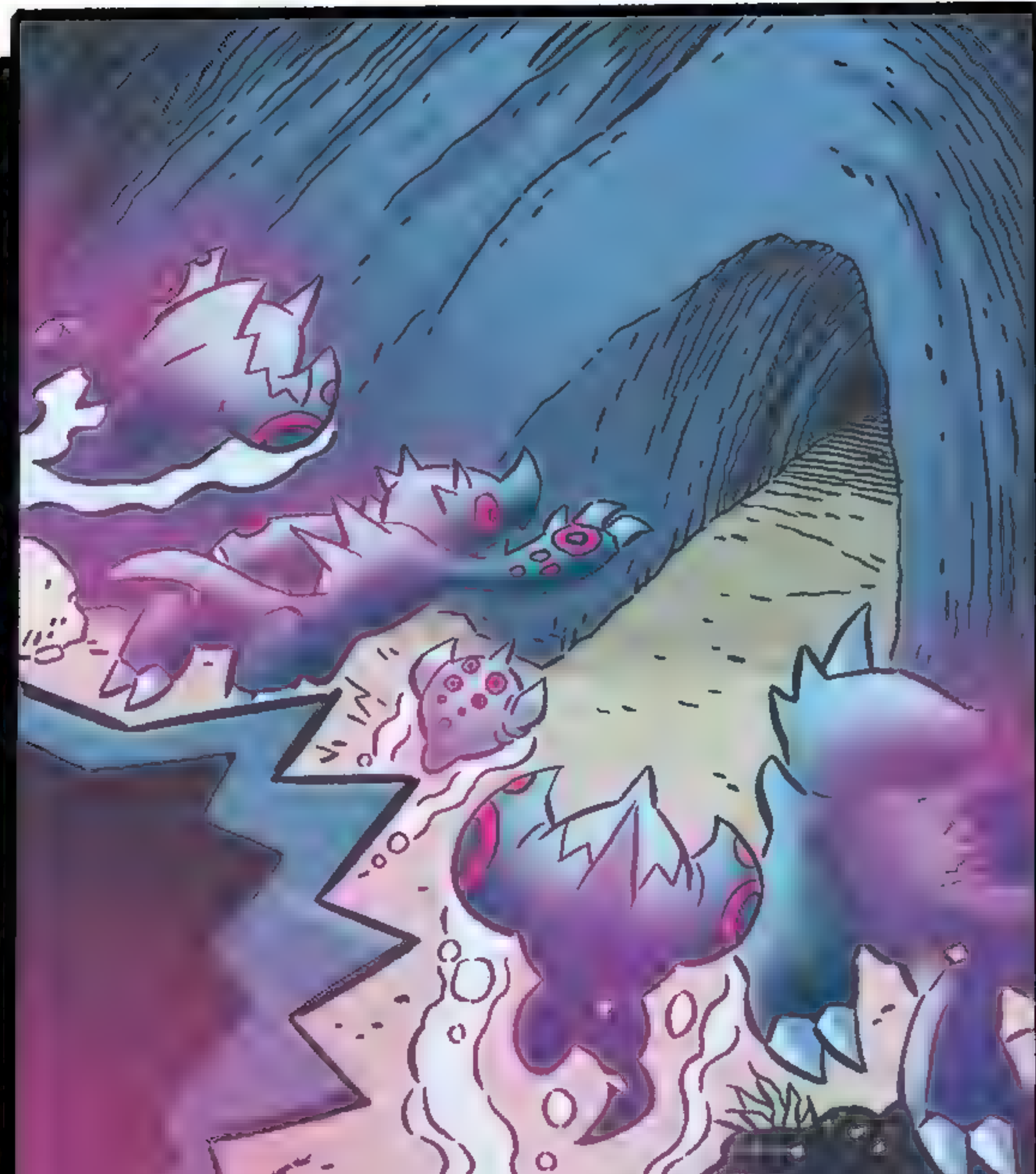
WE DON'T KNOW THAT...IT'S NOT...CORAL, PLEASE! THE SHIELD...!

IT'S NOT WORKING! I TRIED AND... AND...!

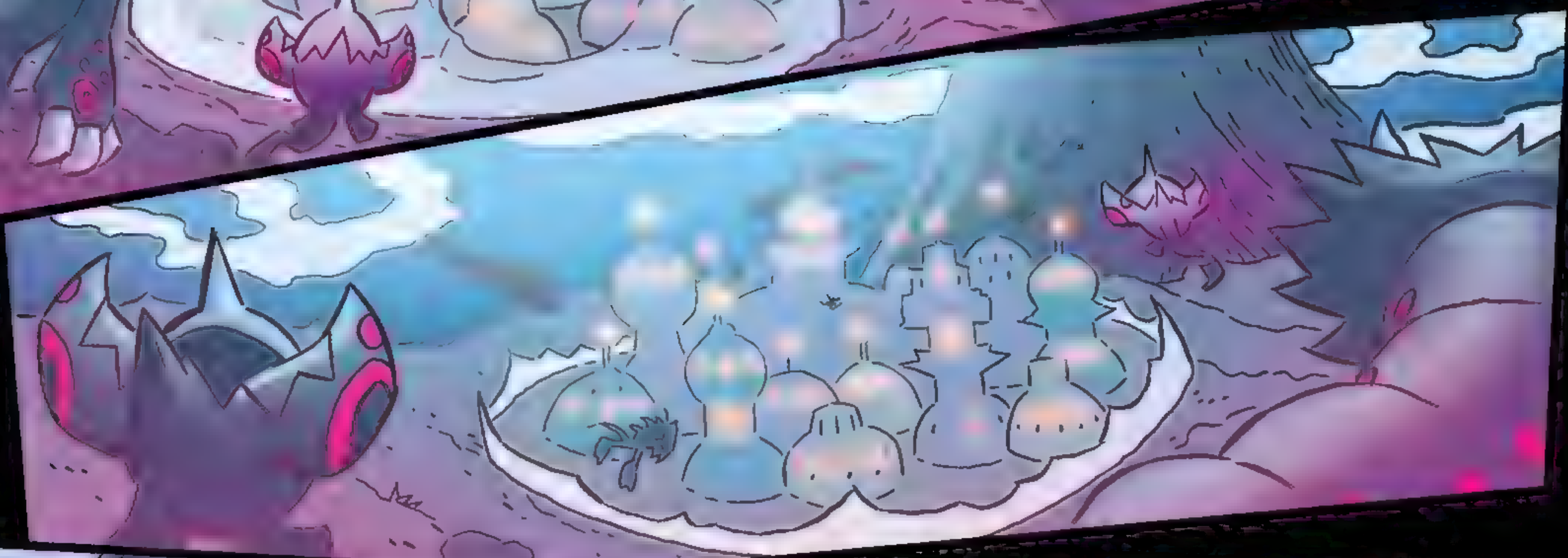
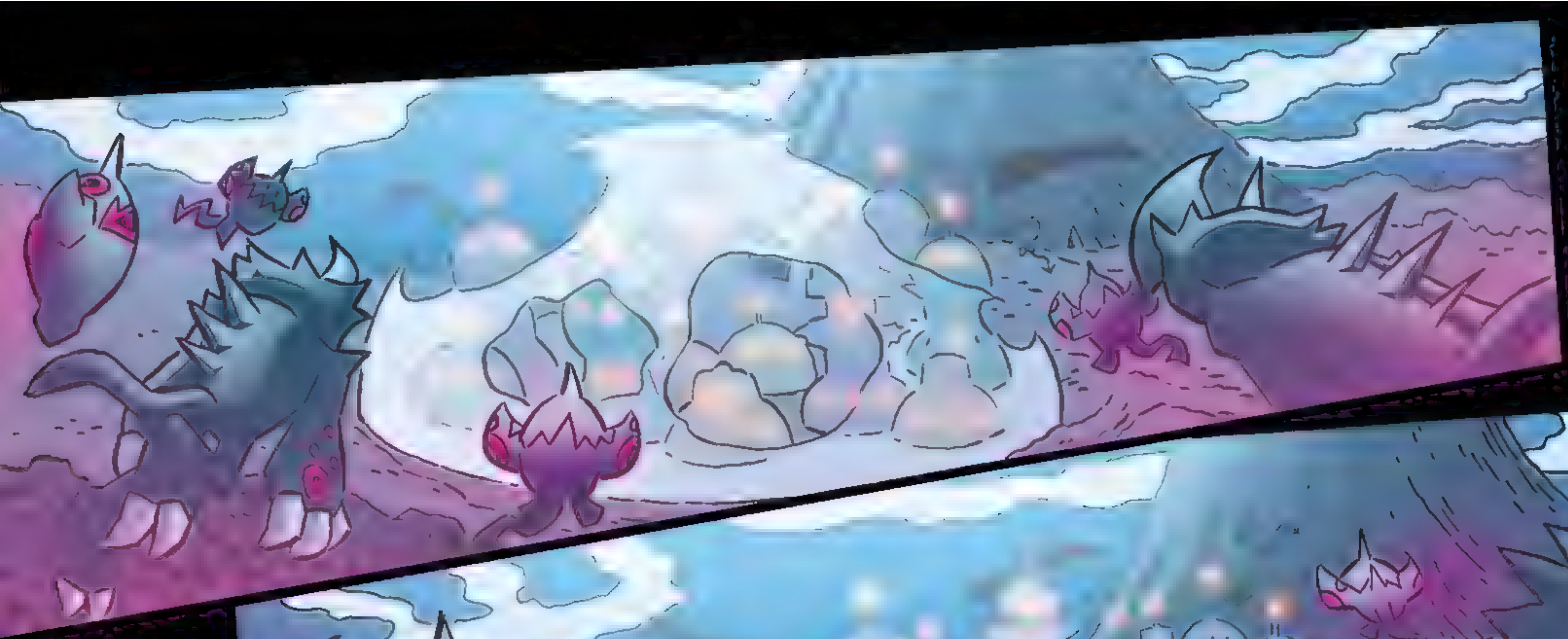


PEARLY! YOU'RE HER APPRENTICE. *YOU* TEACH ME! SHOW ME HOW TO DO IT!

I'M *TRYING* TO DO IT! I'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE!











HOO-BOY  
...ALL RIGHT,  
GUYS...

CORAL? WHAT  
HAPPENED...?

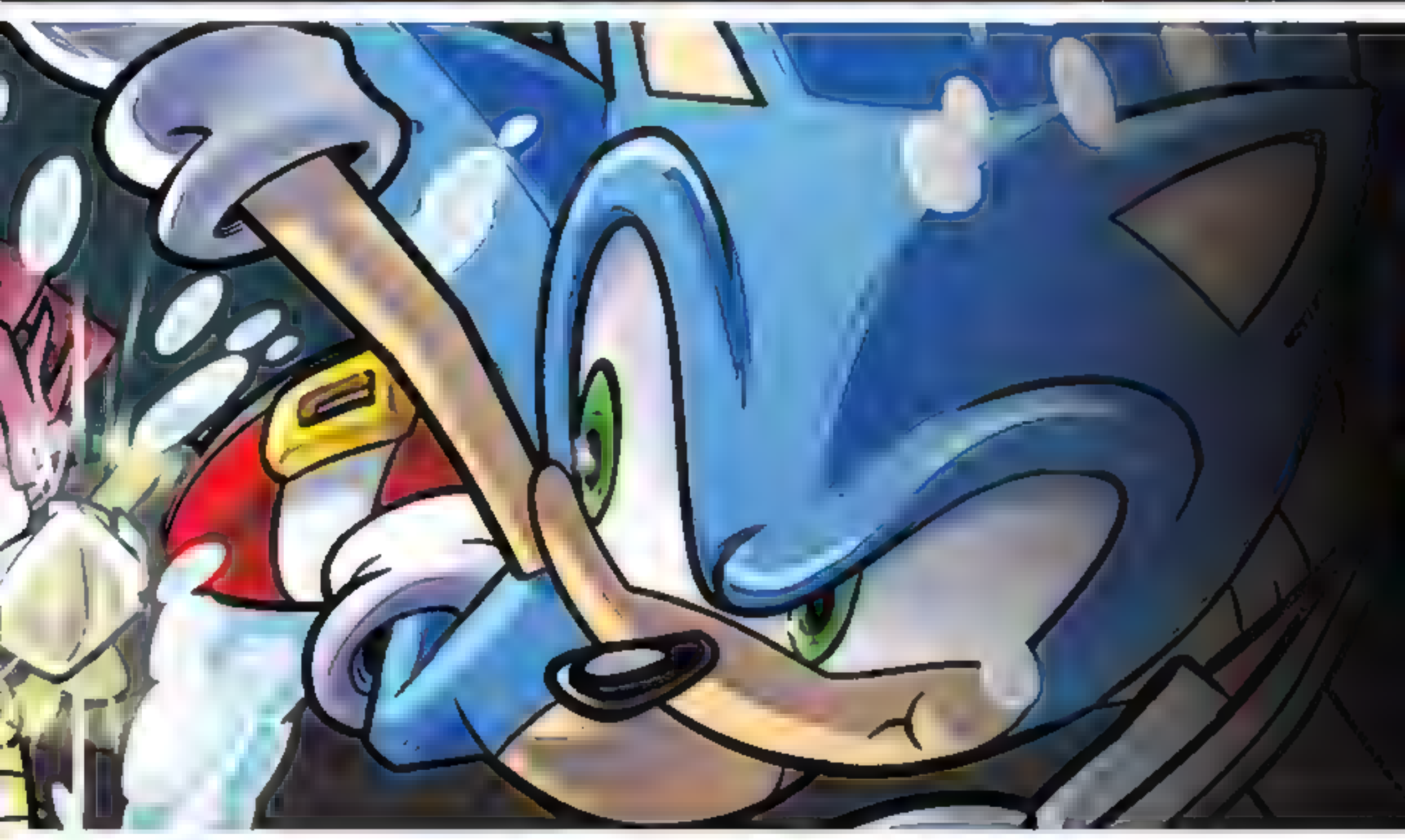


...IT'S  
GOING  
TO BE A  
LONG  
NIGHT!

**SONIC** AND HIS FRIENDS—TRAPPED BY A  
HORDE OF **MONSTERS!**  
THE CITY OF MEROPIS—OVERRUN!  
**AND IT'S ONLY GOING TO GET  
DARKER BEFORE THE DAWN!**  
UNTIL NEXT TIME, CHECK OUT SONIC UNIVERSE,  
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CRYSTAL CAVE...

WHOA...

THIS...IS INCREDIBLE.

# The LIGHT in The DARK PART TWO

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...IT'S LIKE THE INSIDE OF A GIANT GEODE!

AND WE HAVE LIMITED TIME TO FIND ZE CHAOS EMERALD IN ALL THIS...

THEN LET'S NOT WASTE THAT TIME!

TAILS  
YOUNG  
GENIUS

ANTOINE  
SWORDSMAN

SALLY  
FIELD  
LEADER





NOW WE KNOW WHY EGGMAN STOPPED ZE DIG, EH? THIS IS QUITE ZE LONG DROP!

HEH! GUESS THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU USE GROUND-BASED EQUIPMENT AND THERE'S SUDDENLY NO GROUND.



LUCKILY, THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM FOR *SOME* OF US. HERE--NICOLE WILL HELP YOU ZERO IN ON THE EMERALD.

YOU GOT IT, SALLY!

KEEP ZE EYEBALL ON ZE TIME! WE NEED TO LEAVE BEFORE ZE SECURITY IS REACTIVATING.

WE'LL BE CAREFUL!



...IT REALLY IS BEAUTIFUL HERE.

IT IS.



AND TO THINK... IF EGGMAN HAD NOT SENT ZE WRONG ROBOTS, WE NEVAIR WOULD HAVE SEEN THIS.



THIS PLACE IS AMAZING! I WONDER WHAT THIS CRYSTAL IS. QUARTZ?

WELL, I DUNNO IF I'D SAY, "NOTHING UNUSUAL"...

IT'S NOT PARTICULARLY VALUABLE OR USEFUL, EITHER. DESCEND TWENTY DEGREES; WE'RE CLOSING IN.

...HUH. IN THERE?

BASED ON CURSORY ANALYSIS, I WOULD VENTURE GYPSUM, SELENITE, TO BE PRECISE. ASIDE FROM SIZE AND QUANTITY, NOTHING UNUSUAL.

BEAR LEFT HERE.

NICOLE  
ARTIFICIAL  
INTELLIGENCE



IF "THERE" IS ONE METER DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF YOU, THEN YES.

UGH YOU HAVE TO WONDER HOW THE EMERALD ENDED UP IN *HERE*.

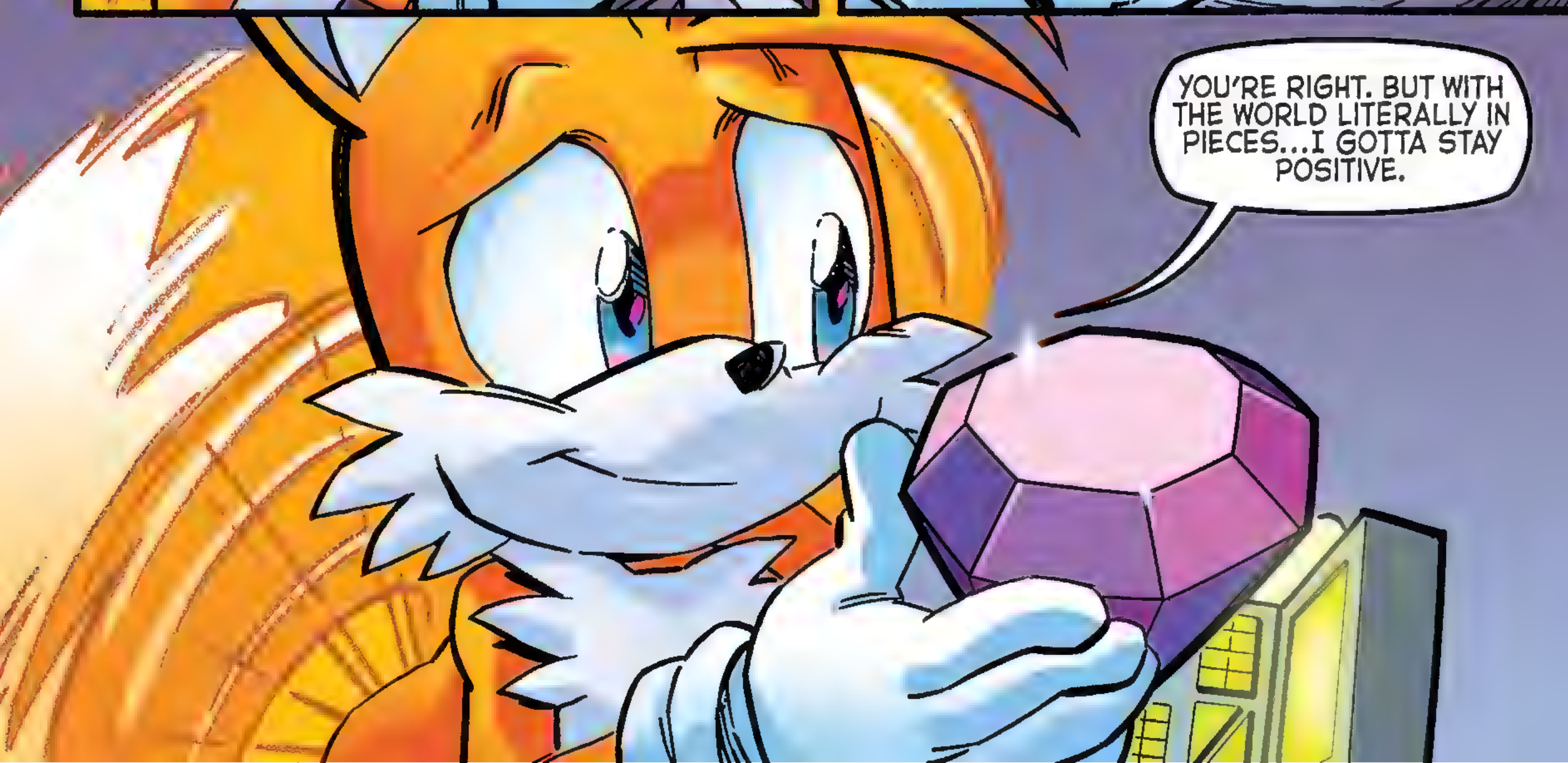
PLEASE DON'T SAY, "IT'S MAGIC."

WELL, IT KINDA *IS*...

HAHA! YES! I HOPE THIS MEANS THE REST WILL BE EASY TO FIND, TOO!

THAT'S NOT A LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

YOU'RE RIGHT. BUT WITH THE WORLD LITERALLY IN PIECES... I GOTTA STAY POSITIVE.







TA-DA!

GREAT WORK, TAILS!

AND WITH THAT, WE HAVE JUST ENOUGH TIME TO ESCAPE UNDETECTED. DOCTOR EGGMAN WILL NEVER KNOW WE WERE HERE.

ABOUT THAT... ONCE WE LEAVE, EGGMAN WILL KEEP LOOKING FOR ZE EMERALD HERE.

WHEN HIS NEW EQUIPMENT ARRIVES, HE'LL TEAR THIS PLACE APART.

YES, KEEPING HIM OCCUPIED. ALL TO OUR ADVANTAGE. WAS THAT NOT OUR PLAN?



YES, AND THAT WAS SHORT-SIGHTED OF ME. THIS CAVERN IS A NATURAL WONDER. IT'S A MIRACLE THAT IT SURVIVED THE QUAKES.

WE *CAN'T* BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS DESTRUCTION.



MAKING DOCTOR EGGMAN AWARE OF OUR INTRUSION PUTS US AND OUR MISSION AT RISK. I DON'T SEE HOW SOME MINERAL DEPOSITS ARE WORTH THAT.

...MAYBE THIS WILL HELP YOU SEE.



SALLY, WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR--





...FOR...



NICOLE, I...

...NO, YOU'RE RIGHT, SALLY. IT WOULD BE A... SHAME... TO LET THIS PLACE FALL TO RUIN.



SO...WHAT NOW? THE SECURITY SYSTEMS ARE GONNA BE COMING BACK ONLINE...

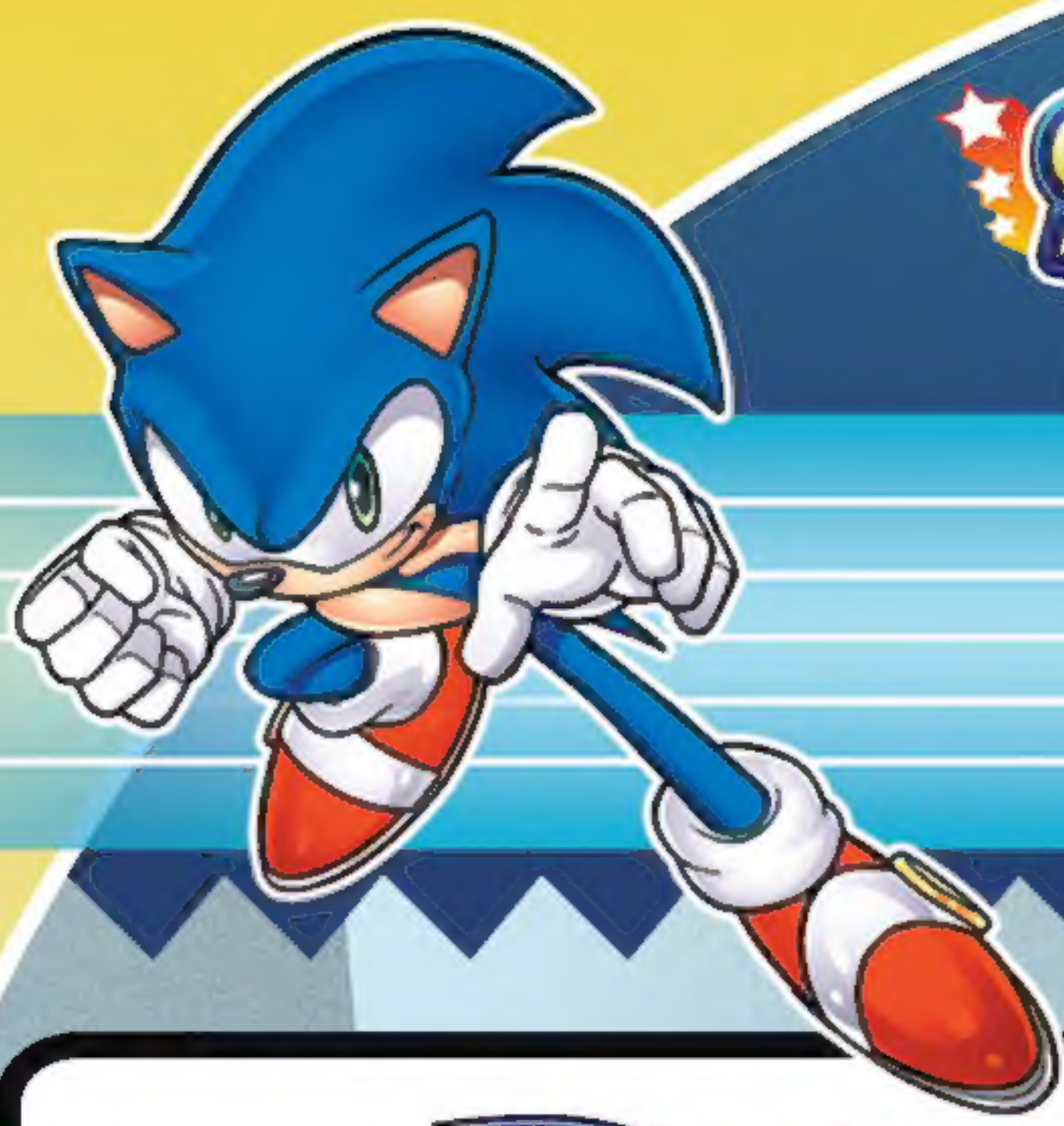
NOW...

WE MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE EGGMAN KNOWS WE TOOK THIS EMERALD RIGHT FROM UNDER HIS NOSE.



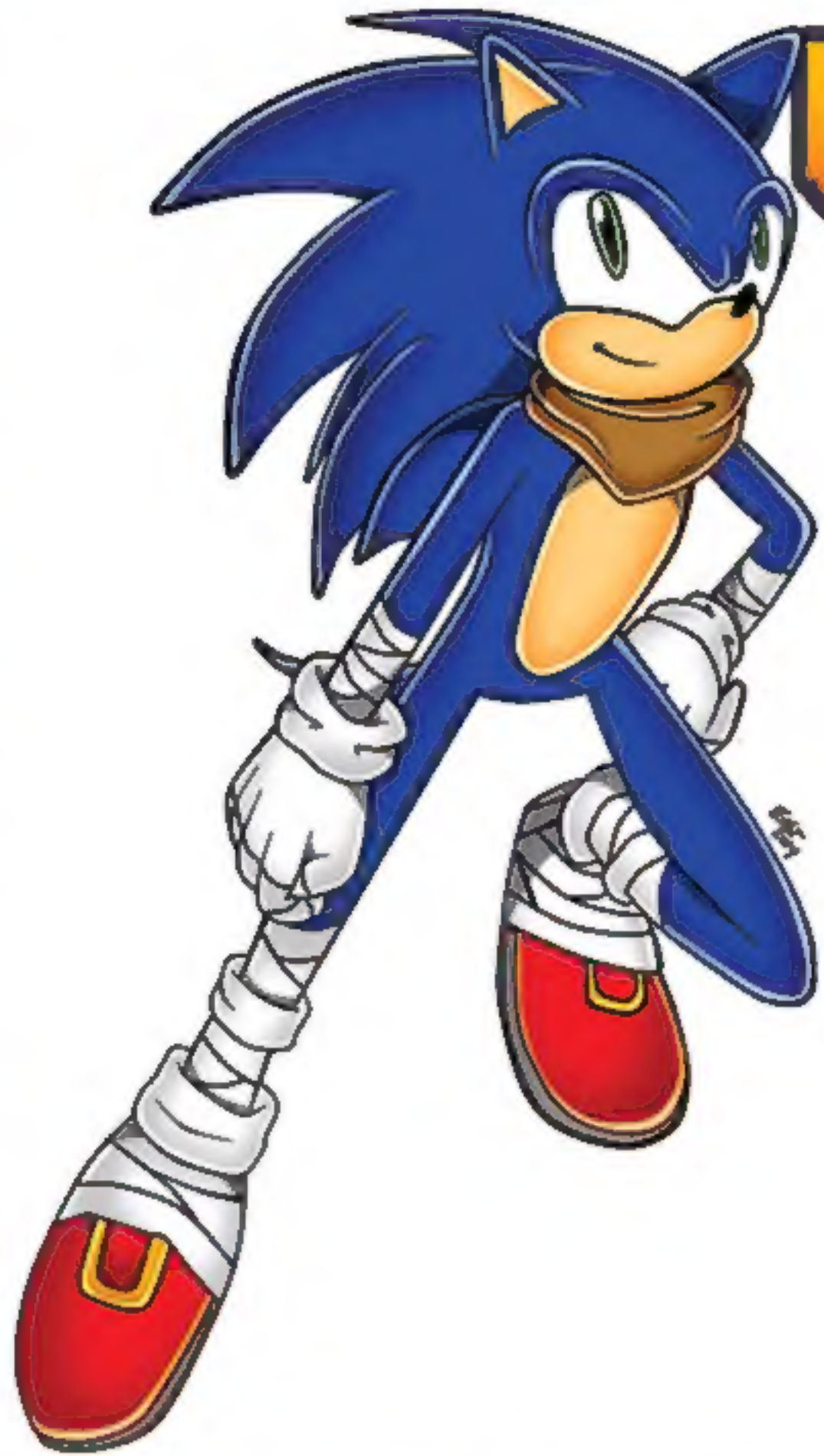
**TIME'S UP!**  
DEEP UNDERGROUND--AND THE ONLY WAY OUT IS THROUGH AN ARMY OF BADNIKS!  
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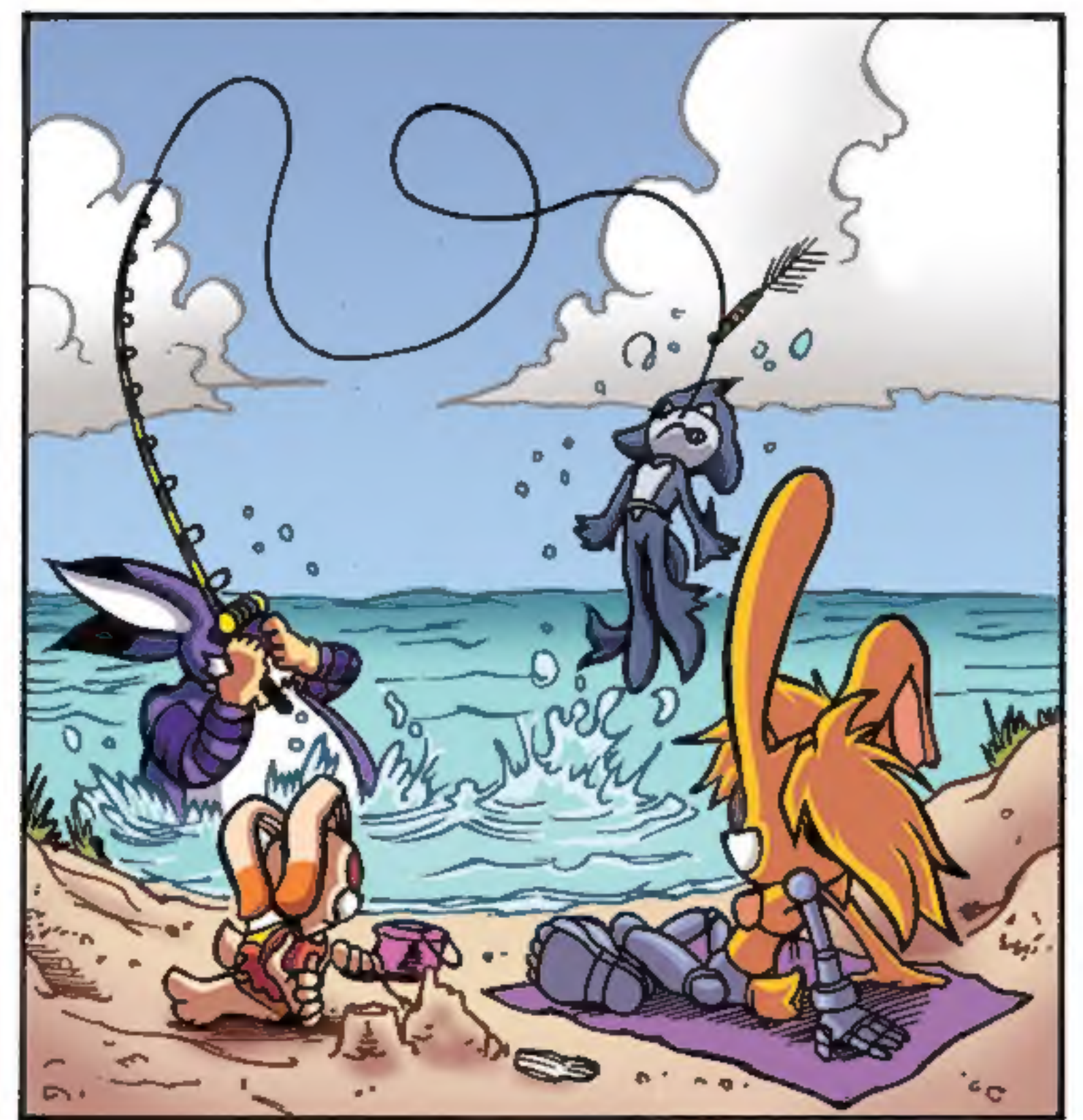
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Dear 'Sonic Grams,'  
Awesome job wrapping things up in "The Chase"! I liked getting to see the train Eggman made that appeared in Sonic Heroes along with references and a few other cameos.

**Thanks! Sonic's world is so rich with all of these different elements spanning from the games and television shows! We want to try to incorporate them in the comic universe in the best way possible, and that train was just too cool to pass on!**

One thing I was wondering is if we could please see more E-100 series robots that were built after the original ones from Sonic Adventure, the cool E-106 Eta was awesome. He reminded me of an odd cross between Zero, Gamma and Omega.

**Eta is awesome. He just might show up again in the future and I think you'll be pleasantly surprised to see what other robots pop up in upcoming stories! Stay tuned!**

Also should we expect to see some more alien action in the future? I was also curious as to who Knuckles in Sonic Universe meant by "Her" as he saw the alien shuttle crash in Rail Canyon.

**\*SPOILER ALERT\* At the end of "Shadow Fall" in Sonic Universe, Eclipse was able to escape the new Black Comet, but crashed onto Sonic's world! I think the answers you seek will be revealed soon in upcoming issues of Sonic Universe!**

That's all for now from a Big Sonic Fan.

Patrick L sent to  
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

**Thanks for the letter, Patrick!**

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'  
Hi!

**Oh, hello!**

I love Sonic comics! Sonic's sooooo cool! I even got Sonic as my nickname! Way past cool, right? Anyway, love your comics. Keep it up!

Sonic Anon. sent to  
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

**Thanks for writing in, Sonic Anon! That's cool to have a nickname after the fastest thing alive! Think you could keep up with the Blue Blur?!**

**See y'all next month for "Waves of Change," part three of four!**

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